

WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

CANDLE



May 2022: Christ Is Still Risen!

For the seven weeks after Easter Sunday we look at scripture that helps us come to terms with having an actual Risen Savior. That is so much at the core of our faith – so why bring it up (and for 7 more weeks!)? Each week we are reminded of a vital and fundamental aspect of the well-lived Christian Life:

Easter Sunday: The powers of Sin and Death are forever defeated through Jesus' death and resurrection on the cross. Your sins are covered by the Blood of the Lamb, and you are set free to be a person of love, compassion, kindness, forgiveness, hope and healing because you KNOW that you are a beloved Child of God. That is the core of who you are! But then why do we struggle? Do we forget? Do we allow those very same defeated enemies to define us? What do we need to remember? Let's look ahead (and back a bit) in the Easter season...

First Sunday of Easter: The disciples were caught up in despair. Everything they had hoped for was completely destroyed. What now? As they walked on their way from Jerusalem, Jesus met them and walked them through the scriptures. In the breaking of bread (what we also call Holy Communion), Jesus revealed himself to them. He was walking with them on their Journey of Life. How often we miss seeing Jesus as he walks with us in our journeys because we focus only on loss and fear!

Second Sunday of Easter: Healing our doubt. "Doubting" Thomas, who was maybe more correctly called "Skeptical Thomas," was not rejected for his very rational questions about the Resurrection. Rather than allowing his doubts and fears to define him, Thomas, despite his fear and skepticism, actually joined the disciples and came to see for himself. His fear DROVE him to Jesus, where he was met with an invitation to deeper faith as he experienced Jesus' resurrection presence for himself. Thomas is then a powerful faith role model for us in our doubts and fears: continue to meet with Jesus' disciples, and see for yourself that He is alive!

Third Sunday of Easter: The forgiveness that Jesus won for us is personal and complete. Jesus met Peter where he was – struggling with the fact that he denied even knowing Jesus three times. He asked Peter if he loved him three times, and invited Peter to care for Jesus' sheep three times. This was a deep personal forgiveness, and an invitation to serve God and his people. Even (from our first lesson) Saul, who persecuted Jesus and his followers, was "knocked off his high horse" and invited to follow Jesus.

Fourth Sunday of Easter: This is often referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday." On this day we're reminded that God IS our Shepherd, and he nurtures, protects and cares for us as the sheep of his pasture. Nurturing, protecting, caring... sounds like a good day to celebrate **Mother's Day**, too! Funny how that works out...

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Prejudice and fear can often cripple and distort the work of the church. Our First lesson for this week tells of an incident in the life of the early church where the Holy Spirit brought a vision and a commission to share the gospel to all people, regardless of race. The Holy Spirit then engenders faith in those who hear. In our Gospel lesson, Jesus COMMANDS us to love each other AS HE LOVED US – that is, with a self-sacrificing, boundless love that is based in forgiveness and the healing that it brings.

Sixth Sunday of Easter: Jesus invites us to "keep his words," to pay attention to his teachings – and the Holy Spirit himself will instruct us and give us PEACE.

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Gospel for this Sunday is from Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer," in which he prays for those who follow him in faith, because he knows that as we live out our faith, we are making choices against the evil and damaging things of this life. In our first lesson, just by proclaiming the gospel of God's love and forgiveness they were confronting the evil in that city. A young girl who had been enslaved and exploited was set free, and there were consequences to pay. Even in that dark moment, God made his presence known to the disciples and nothing that anyone did to them could harm them.

So, you see, ALL of these things are needed reminders of what it means to follow a Risen Savior. Life gets complicated and messy, and evil abounds – but knowing that the Risen Savior Jesus Christ IS WITH US makes all the difference in the world!

MOTHER'S DAY

As in the past few years, we will again celebrate all Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers, and women who have given of themselves to nurture and care for children. Prayed for also are those who are expecting, mourning, in damaged relationships, and who have experienced loss in relationships that should/could have been nurturing.

PASTOR AND SHIRLEY ON VACATION MAY 17-29

We had planned to take a trip to Europe for our 40th anniversary a few years ago, and with COVID restrictions and other drama, it kept getting cancelled. FINALLY it looks like we'll be able to go! We're going to Prague, Budapest and some Luther sites in Germany. An old friend of mine, Rev. David Berkedal (now retired), is coming to preach on those two Sundays that we're gone. Pastor David is a great conservative preacher and teacher who loves God and who faithfully lifts up God's Word. You will be blessed!

Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!
Pastor Larry

Self Study



Read the Bible In a Year Program

MAY READINGS



MAY 1

Psalm 75
Psalm 93
Psalm 94
Psalm 97
Psalm 98
Psalm 99
Psalm 100

MAY 2

Psalm 103
Psalm 104
Psalm 113
Psalm 114
Psalm 117

MAY 3

Psalm 119

MAY 4

Psalm 122
Psalm 124
Psalm 133
Psalm 134
Psalm 135
Psalm 136
Psalm 138

MAY 5

Psalm 139
Psalm 145
Psalm 148
Psalm 150

MAY 6

Psalm 4
Psalm 12
Psalm 20
Psalm 25
Psalm 32
Psalm 38

MAY 7

Psalm 42
Psalm 53
Psalm 58
Psalm 81
Psalm 101

MAY 8

Psalm 111
Psalm 130
Psalm 131
Psalm 141
Psalm 146

MAY 9

Psalm 2
Psalm 22
Psalm 27

MAY 10

Psalm 45
Psalm 47
Psalm 48
Psalm 87
Psalm 110
Psalm 72:20

MAY 11

1 Kgs. 1:1-53
2 Sam. 23:1-7
1 Kgs. 2:1-10
1 Chron. 29:23-25,
28-30

MAY 12

1 Kgs. 2:13-46
1 Kgs. 3:1-3,5-28
1 Kgs. 9:16
1 Chron. 1:2-6

MAY 13

1 Kgs. 5:1-18
2 Chron. 2:2,17-18
1 Kgs. 6:1-11,13-38
2 Chron. 3:4-14
1 Kgs. 7:13-22,27-51
2 Chron. 4:10,19-22,40-47
2 Chron. 8:12-16

MAY 14

2 Chron. 5:2-14
2 Chron. 6:1-35,40-42
1 Kgs. 8:46-61
2 Chron. 7:1-10

MAY 15

1 Kgs. 7:1-12
2 Chron. 7:11-22
1 Kgs. 9:10-15,20-23,26-28
2 Chron. 8:1-6,11
1 Kgs. 10:1-29
1 Kgs. 4:1-34
Psalm 72:1-19

MAY 16

Prov. 8:1-36
Prov. 9:1-6,13-18
Prov. 2:1-22
Prov. 3:13-24
Prov. 1:20-33
Prov. 4:1-27

MAY 17

Prov. 22:12,17-21
Prov. 1:1-7
Prov. 25:1
Prov. 9:10-12
Prov. 10:13-14,23,27
Prov. 14:2,6,8,12,15,
18,24,26-27,33
Prov. 15:3,14,21,24,33
Prov. 19:2,3,8,21,23
Prov. 28:14,28
Prov. 3:5-8
Prov. 16:1,3-4,9,16,
20,22,33
Prov. 18:2,4,15
Prov. 20:5,12,15,24
Prov. 21:11,22,30-31
Prov. 26:4-12
Prov. 29:9,25
Prov. 27:1,22
Prov. 13:14-16
Prov. 17:12,24
Prov. 24:3-4,7,13-14

MAY 18

Prov. 3:1-2,11-12,33-35
Prov. 9:7-9
Prov. 10:3,6-9,16-17,22-
25,28-30
Prov. 11:5-10,14,18-20,
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Prov. 12:1-3,5-8,12,
15,21,28
Prov. 13:1,6,8,13,21, 24,25
Prov. 14:9,11,14,19, 22,34
Prov. 15:5,6,9-10,12,
22,26,31-32
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Prov. 22:6,15
Prov. 24:5-6,8-9,15-16
Prov. 28:7,8,12-13,18, 28

MAY 19

Prov. 15:8,11,17,25,29
Prov. 16:2,5,6,18-19,30
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Prov. 18:1,12
Prov. 12:9,10,25
Prov. 13:7,10
Prov. 14:30
Prov. 24:17-20
Prov. 28:25

MAY 20

Prov. 25:7,8,28
Prov. 29:3,8,11,20,22
Prov. 20:25
Prov. 12:16
Prov. 14:16-17,29
Prov. 15:18
Prov. 16:32
Prov. 19:11,19
Prov. 22:14,24-25
Prov. 23:19-21,26-35
Prov. 5:1-23
Prov. 6:20-35
Prov. 7:1-27

MAY 21

Prov. 14:3
Prov. 15:1-2,4,7,23,28
Prov. 16:21,23-24,27-28
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Prov. 19:1,5,22
Prov. 23:15-16

MAY 21 CONT.

Prov. 10:18-19,20-21,31-32
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MAY 22

Prov. 1:10-19
Prov. 16:11,29
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Prov. 12:17,20
Prov. 13:5,11 Prov. 11:1
Prov. 22:28 Prov. 23:10-11
Prov. 15:27 Prov. 14:5,25
Prov. 19:9,28 Prov. 29:26

MAY 23

Prov. 3:9-10,27-28
Prov. 10:4-5,15,26
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Prov. 24:27,30-34

MAY 24

Prov. 1:8-9
Prov. 10:1
Prov. 11:22,29
Prov. 15:20
Prov. 17:2,6-7,11,17,21,25
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Prov. 28:1-3,15-16,24
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Prov. 12:4,26
Prov. 14:1,7,28,32,35
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MAY 24 CONT.

Prov. 27:8-10,15-16
Prov. 22:1,3,5,11,13
Prov. 24:1-2,10,21-22
Prov. 25:2-7,9-10,13
Prov. 29:4,12,14,24
Prov. 13:12,17,19,20
Prov. 3:25-26
Prov. 26:13

MAY 25

Prov. 14:10,13
Prov. 15:13, 30
Prov. 17:22
Prov. 18:14
Prov. 25:20,25
Prov. 27:11,20
Prov. 29:6
Prov. 30:1-33
Prov. 31:1-31

MAY 26

Psalm 127
Song of Sg. 1:1-17
Song of Sg. 2:1-17
Song of Sg. 3:1-11
Song of Sg. 4:1-16
Song of Sg. 5:1-16
Song of Sg. 6:1-13
Song of Sg. 7:1-13
Song of Sg. 8:1-14

MAY 27

1 Kgs. 11:1-40

MAY 28

Ecccl. 1:1-11
Ecccl. 6:10-12
Ecccl. 3:18-22
Ecccl. 2:12-16
Ecccl. 9:1-12
Ecccl. 8:16-17

MAY 29

Ecccl. 1:12-18
Ecccl. 2:1-11,17-26
Ecccl. 4:1-12
Ecccl. 5:1-20
Ecccl. 6:1-9
Ecccl. 7:13-14
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Ecccl. 9:13-18

MAY 30

Ecccl. 12:9-12
Ecccl. 7:1-12,15-29
Ecccl. 10:1-20
Ecccl. 11:1-6
Ecccl. 8:1

MAY 31

Ecccl. 3:1-17
Ecccl. 11:7-10
Ecccl. 12:1-14
2 Chron. 9:29-31

KITCHEN KIT DRIVE

MAY 6-16

THE COLLECTION DRIVE AT WLCS WILL HELP AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "VOLUNTEER COLLECTIVE" PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY KITCHEN KITS, A NONPROFIT THAT COLLECTS NEW AND USED KITCHEN ITEMS AND THEN CREATES A COMPLETED KITCHEN SET TO PROVIDE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO JUST MOVED INTO HOUSING.

WE ARE COLLECTING:

- PLATES, BOWLS, GLASSES, MUGS
- KNIVES, FORKS, SPOONS
- POTS, PANS, BAKING TRAYS, CUTTING BOARDS
- SPATULAS, CAN OPENERS, STIRRERS, CUTTING KNIVES
- OVEN MITTS, DISH TOWEL
- TOASTERS, COFFEE MAKERS, BLENDERS, MIXING BOWLS
- PAPER TOWEL HOLDERS AND OTHER SMALL KITCHEN TOOLS AND GADGETS

DO NOT DONATE:

- CHIPPED ITEMS
- WINE AND SHOT GLASSES
- HIGHLY SPECIALIZED COOKING UTENSILS
- COOK BOOKS
- MOST ELECTRONIC ITEMS
- HOLIDAY THEMED DISHWARE
- TUPPERWARE
- PAPER PLATES AND PLASTIC SILVERWARE

For more information on the program go to
www.communitykitchenkits.org

Drop off items to the office during school hours 8 am- 4:30 pm or on Sunday mornings at Church in the narthex there will be a table to drop off items.

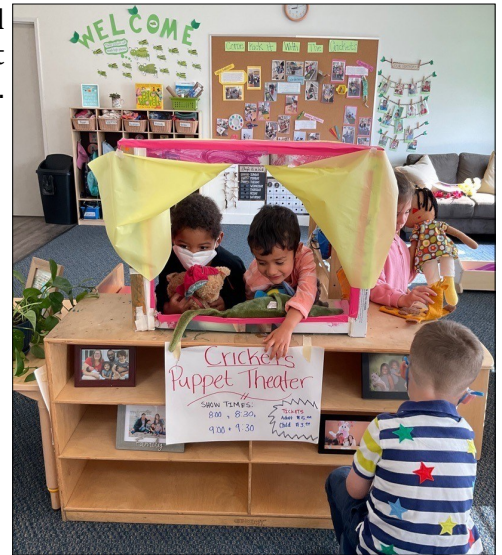
Early Learning Center

What's happening in May? Parent-Teacher Conferences, Teacher Appreciation Week, and creating special masterpieces for our mommies for Mothers Day! We are planting vegetables in our planter boxes and looking forward to tasting them later this summer!

Puppets in the Cricket Room

The Cricket teachers created a puppet stage from a large cardboard box this week, and the children have been delighting in trying it out....taking turns voicing the puppets and sitting in the audience. Why do we encourage puppet play for our little ones?

- Puppet play boosts confidence. Talking through a puppet or playing with them are wonderful ways to roleplay. Such stress-free play in an open environment will make even the most shy children feel confident to express themselves.
- Learning and playing with puppets stimulates imagination. Having a conversation with or as a puppet and coming up with new pretend play games will keep their creative thinking alive.
- Playing with puppets also improves and develops a child's motor skills. Using the palm for hand puppets and fingers for finger puppets will sharpen a child's hand-eye coordination and tune their fine motor skills.



Books in the Roly Poly Room

Of course, all our classrooms have book areas with many books for the children to look at. But you may be surprised to see that our littlest children also love books! The books are on a low shelf where the babies can reach them. And they look at them frequently every day. And if a teacher picks up a book, babies quickly crawl or roll or scoot over to look.

Our goal is to help children learn to LOVE books....we want to create good readers, and that starts in infancy!



School News

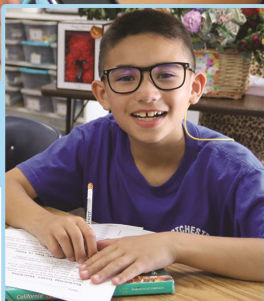
- May 2nd-6th:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 2nd-4th:** 6th grade Outdoor Education Trip
- May 6th:** Chapel for TK-8th grade Livestream on our YouTube channel, 9 am & Minimum Day
- May 7th:** *Happy Birthday Mr. James!*
- May 8th:** *Happy Birthday Ms. Martinez!*
- May 12th:** 6th grade Outdoor Education Trip
- May 13th:** Chapel for TK-8th grade Livestream on our YouTube channel, 9 am & Minimum Day
- May 13th:** Student of the Month & 3rd Quarter Awards after Chapel
- May 13th:** *Happy Birthday Mrs. Hahn!*
- May 17th:** *Happy Birthday Mrs. DeMedio!*
- May 18th:** Career Day for 6th-8th grade
- May 20th:** Chapel for TK-8th grade Livestream on our YouTube channel, 9 am
- May 20th:** 8th grade Disney Trip
- May 22nd:** 3rd & 4th grade sing at Church, 10 am
- May 24th:** 6th-8th grade Movie Day, wear school uniform
- May 26th:** Coffee with the Principal, 8:30 am
- May 27th:** Chapel for TK-8th grade, 9 am & Minimum Day & Free Dress
- May 29th:** *Happy Birthday Ms. Packman!*
- May 30th:** Memorial Day- No School/Office Closed
- May 31st-June 3rd:** 7th grade Outdoor Education Trip



ENROLLING NOW
FOR 2022-2023
INFANTS-8TH GRADE
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Flower Chart



Remember and honor loved ones past and present by donating flowers to beautify our sanctuary every Sunday.

The cost is **\$35**. You may pay online or mail a check to the office. If you would like to take one of the spots available please call the office (310) 670-5422 to get your

announcement in the bulletin or email Karina, kmartinez@wlcs.org. Thank you!

May 1st

- ♦ Given by Lisa Russo in celebration of David Hiley's birthday!
- ♦ Given to Gloria in celebration of her birthday with love from Ron & Sharie Saqui.

May 8th

- ♦ Given by Angelika Gunn in honor of mother, Lore Buddeberg, and mothers everywhere!
- ♦ Given by Joan Anckle in celebration of the birthday of Karina Martinez!

May 15th

- ♦ Available!
- ♦ Available!

May 22nd

- ♦ Available!
- ♦ Available!

May 29th

- ♦ Given by Colleen & Allan Fitzgerald in celebration of Aleyah Johnson-Curry's birthday!
- ♦ Given to Jesse & Ilona Sanchez in celebration on their 55th wedding anniversary!

Altar Flower Sign Up

Available in June:

June 5th (2 spots), June 12th (2 spots),
June 26th (2 spots)

Available in July:

July 3rd (2 spots), July 10th (2 spots),
July 24th (1 spot), July 31st (2 spots)

Anniversaries

**Congratulations & blessings
on your wedding anniversary!**

May 20th Larry & Shirley Becker
&
Chris & Diane Maeder



Birthday Blessings

May 2	Juanita Burks and David Hiley
May 4	Robert Gunn
May 5	Daniel Esene
May 7	Samantha Russo
May 8	Chris Giammalvo & Karina Martinez
May 11	Sherly Swanson
May 13	Luke Engler & Debra Russo
May 14	Angelika Gunn
May 15	Doreen Dice & Elisabeth Toepfer-Minihan & Ed Yarnall
May 18	Evelyn Russo
May 20	Ruby Williams
May 21	Kim Nowak & Faith Smith
May 29	Marti Packmann



Praying for Others



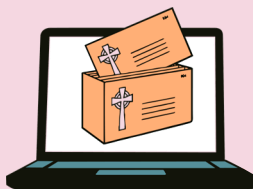
Members & friends hospitalized, recovering from illness or surgery, or long-term illness:

Todd Allen, Donna Anderson, Wanda Anckle, Sharon Bernard, Sandra Bray, Doris Brown, Rob Button, Ron Dell Craig, Tom Crotheis, Renee Davis, Ursula Fetzor, Linda Fleming, Cynthia Green, Vera Green, Amy Gustafson, Arlene Hiller, Karl Homan, Carrie Jones, Helen Jones, Barbara Loftas, Jennifer Long, Reggie Lucero, Johnny Manuel, Ida Manuel-Stovall, Katie Meyer, Britt Olofsson, Shawn-Michele Penman, E.J Ramsey, Angie Reichenberg, Annie Reynosa, Barbara Roamer, Juan Salinas, Marie Schlaeger, Mary Lou Schnitzer, Charles Seaberg, Faith Smith, Bill Snyder, Anthony Stovall, Diane Tallman, Kathy Tank, Teresa Upp, Ruby Williams.

Members & friends grieving: Bradley Family, Downie Family

Members & friends serving in the military: Richard Appelhans, Desobry Bowens, David Flick, Jeremy Manning, Donald Moe, Deane Stewart, and Kimberly York.

Your Giving Matters



HOW CAN YOU GIVE?

- ♦ Mail in your offering to the office.
- ♦ In-person worship on Sunday morning drop in the offering plate
- ♦ Online: (follow steps below)

Go to WLCS.org

Click on **Payments/Donations**

Click on **Church Giving/Offerings**

Services

All services are in person & Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel & Facebook

Sundays at 10:00 am



[Westchesterlutheranchurchandschool](https://www.facebook.com/WestchesterLutheranChurchAndSchool)

SPECIAL SERVICE:

May 8th: Special Mother's Day Worship Service

We will be honoring and celebrating all women in church this Sunday with a special prayer, gift, and coffee/treats following the service.

Confirmation Classes in May

There will be **NO CONFIRMATION** on May 18th and May 25th as Pastor will be on vacation from May 17th-29th.



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WATCH SERVICES LIVE ON SUNDAY MORNING:



"Westchester Lutheran Church and School"

Commission Meetings & Other

Life & Growth Commission

May 1, 2022

7:00 pm in the Fireside Room & Zoom

Garden Crew

Saturday, May 7, 2022

9:00-11:00 am

All are welcome to join us in cleaning up our extensive landscaping! Bring your gardening gloves, pruners, etc.

Women's Board

Not meeting this month until June 12

Rebekah Circle

May 15, 2022

11:30 am in the Library

Mary Circle

May 17, 2022

12:30 pm

Council Meeting via Zoom

No meeting in May until June 2nd

7:00 pm

Comforters & Operation Gratitude

Comforters

Wednesday Mornings

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Masted Hall

All levels are welcome to join the ladies in making quilts.

Operation Gratitude

No gathering in May

Next gathering is June 12

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Anybody who likes to crochet or knit to make scarves & hats. Will have patterns and instructions regarding color, size, etc.