

Today, we celebrate the ascension of our Lord into heaven, to the right hand of the Father. AS it is also the seventh Sunday of Easter, we are reminded of the disciples' actions right after that ascension when they had returned to Jerusalem. Upon their return, they devoted themselves to prayer.

So also, they must have begun to ponder more deeply into all that Jesus had done and said while he was still with them. They began to understand more fully Jesus' fulfillment of the Old Testament. So also, they took to heart Jesus' parting words: "You will be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8). Thus, Peter stands among them and quotes from the Psalms and indicates that another must be elected to fill the vacant place of Judas Iscariot. The man who would take his place must have been a part of the greater group of disciples who had been with Jesus from his baptism through his resurrection. From this group, two men were found and Matthias was chosen by lot to take Judas' place.

Matthias, who is not mentioned outside this section of Acts, becomes one of the band of disciples who bear witness to the work and life of Jesus. Remember, eye witnesses were important because the words and actions of Jesus had not yet been written down. In our day, these same witnesses testify to us of the truth of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension through the written eye-witness testimonies recorded in the New Testament. The Word of God is our witness of the great things Jesus has done for us.

~Pastor Kevin Mann

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Calling all Graduates!

Our Graduate Recognition Sunday will be **June 14**. During the service, we will recognize our recent high school and college graduates, giving thanks to God for their accomplishments and praying for them. If you are graduating from high school or college, or recently graduated, please contact the office so that we can include you in our recognition.

Retirement Blessings to Barb Bradtmueller! At the end of this school year, Barb will be retiring as the director of Peace Preschool. Barb has served faithfully in our preschool for many years, as teacher and as director. She has watched as children come into our program and later send their own children here for learning about the world and about Jesus. Barb will certainly be missed in the preschool, and we wish her the best as she transitions to retirement. God's richest blessings, Barb! This morning we will honor Barb for her many years of faithful service to Peace and Peace Preschool.

Altar Flowers! The Board of Directors and Board of Elders recently made a decision to replace live flowers on our altar with artificial flowers. In the past, Peace members could draw attention to special events happening in their lives by paying for the cost of fresh flowers which were delivered once a week. This practice will continue, with members being able to select a date of celebration and then being asked to contribute \$20 (this was misprinted in the Peacefully Yours) to help cover the cost of the new flowers and altar supplies. A chart to sign up for these special occasions will continue to be available near the entrance to the Narthex.

GotSneakers?@ WinGS is collecting used sneakers as an on-going fundraiser project! We are looking for ATHLETIC footwear, such as sneakers, basketball, running, gym/training, cleats (rubber), life-style, and hiking/trail footwear. **Please put any used athletic footwear in the bin outside of the exercise room.** We will **NOT** accept non-athletic footwear of any kind, including but not limited to dress shoes, heels, sandals, wedges, water socks, rain boots, crocs, and other non-athletic styles. Non-paired shoes will also not be accepted. Thanks in advance for your assistance! The funds raised from this on-going drive will support our church and community service.

Café Friday News!

The Café has added Fridays to our regular weekly hours! Tell your family, friends and neighbors!

Cards and Games in the Café

Now on the **THIRD MONDAY**. Please come join us and help fill our euchre table! The more the merrier!! **1-3pm**

Exercise Classes: Join us for exercise classes in the Wellness Room (see weekly calendar on next page). Yoga with Tara is \$10 and all other classes are \$5 (cash only) drop in fee.

Dennis and Edith Wheeler have been helping out a family who lost their home organize all of their belongings so that they could have a garage sale to support themselves. **WinGS is being asked to staff the garage sale for part of the proceeds the weekend of May 21, 22nd and 23rd.** Each day, We will have two timeslots that need to be manned: 8:30 to 11:30 AM and 11:30 AM to 3 PM. We are looking for as many as four people per timeslot. Couples are welcome. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to note which day you would like to volunteer: Thursday, Friday or Saturday.** Come volunteer a shift or two to help a family out and help WinGS raise funds to help with their mission to serve our church and serve the community!

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Peace Preschool is enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year! If you or someone you know is looking for a Christ-centered, developmentally appropriate preschool for a 3-5 year old child, contact Barb Bradtmueller at 260-456-6605.

LSUS

Lutheran South Unity School (LSUS) is seeking a licensed teacher to teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science classes. If interested, please contact Dianne Clark at 260-414-7213 or email bookkeeper@lsusfw.org



Phil's Friends Care Packages

Phil's Friends is an organization that supports adults with cancer. Our chapel offerings will be supporting this organization this month.

Items to be collected:

- lip balm/chapstick
- fuzzy socks-women's only
- 5 oz. bottles of fragrance-free lotion
- decks of playing cards
- tissue packs
- puzzle books (crosswords, sudoku, etc.)
- single toothbrushes and 5 oz. toothpaste
- journals (5x7) - not spiral bound

Collection will run from now through May 29.

IN OUR DISTRICT

A Bold Step Campaign Update: The heart of this campaign is simple: **every gift matters.** While we've been blessed with generous support from large donors and foundations, our next crucial step is engaging those who can commit to **3– year pledges between \$1,000 and \$10,000.** These commitments, no matter the size, create the momentum that moves this project forward. One special opportunity to consider is **auditorium seat naming rights.** For a **\$10,000 pledge,** you can name a seat in honor or memory of someone meaningful in your life. **Ways Everyone Can Participate:** We recognize that not everyone is in a position to give financially right now. You are still an important part of this effort. You can PRAY for CLHS and the Bold Step Campaign, share the vision with friends, family and former classmates, celebrate and spread the word about the progress being made. We have incredible momentum, and this is the moment to keep our foot on the pedal as we work toward Phase Two-the auditorium. **Todd Hollman is available after the service or anytime if you have questions or would like to talk more about how you can participate.**

Final Curtain in the Chapel-Auditorium: Lucky Stiff to Close Current Era Before Renovation Concordia Lutheran High School's Chapel-Auditorium will host its final event in its current form this summer before renovation construction begins in July. Fittingly, that final performance will be the Summer Alumni Musical production of *Lucky Stiff* on **Saturday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m.** Based on *The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo* by Michael Butterworth, *Lucky Stiff* is a fast-paced, offbeat murder mystery farce filled with mistaken identities, a \$6 million diamond inheritance, and plenty of unexpected twists-including a vacation to Monte Carlo with an embalmed uncle in tow. Hilarity and chaos unfold as an unlikely heir tries to secure his fortune while navigating increasingly outrageous circumstances.

Seeking Housing for Seminary Students Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), would appreciate your assistance as we seek additional off-campus housing options for incoming students, returning vicars, and their families. We are currently working to identify housing available for rent or purchase. A wide range of options would be helpful, including large or small homes, apartments, and other suitable housing, whether close to campus or within a manageable daily drive. **If you have housing available or have any questions, please contact Renita Nahrwold, our relocation coordinator, at Relocation@ctsfw.edu or (260) 452-2248.**

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is looking for a temporary maternity substitute position for a full-time resource room teacher position at St. John Lutheran School in Kendallville, IN . Applicants must hold a current Indiana Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact **Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253** or email him at **rschumach-**

Rummage Sale Saint Peter Immanuel Lutheran School is having a Rummage Sale in the school's gymnasium- 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733- on **Friday June 5th from 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday June 6th from 8:00am-NOON. Saturday will be the bag sale day;** \$2.00 each paper grocery bag or \$5.00 per 13 gallon garbage bag (bags are provided).

This Week at Peace May 17, 2026 – May 24, 2026

Sun May 17	9:00am 10:30am	Barb's Retirement Appreciation Worship with Communion Education hour	BP Screenings
Mon May 18	11:00 am 1-3pm	Chair Yoga Cards and Games in the Café	
Tues May 19	9:00am 6:30pm	<i>Bulletin Items Due</i> Cardio Tone Preschool End of Year Service	
Wed May 20	5:30pm 6:30pm	Partners in Prayer Worship with Communion	
Thurs May 21	9:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	Latin Fitness Dance Cardio Tone Choir	
Fri May 22	11:00am	Chair Yoga	
Sat May 23			
Sun May 24	9:00am 10:30am	Worship with Communion Education hour	
Next Sunday Scripture Readings for the Day of Pentecost :			
Numbers 11:24-30 Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39			