



## The Cross Word May 2024

**From Pastor Lisa,**

*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
Ps 19:1, ESV*

*O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Ps 8:1 ESV*

Isn't May a wonderful month? The creation is greening up and blossoming around us. Crops are being planted. Baby livestock are born and growing and frolicking. Rhubarb plants unfurl their leaves in the garden. Birds sing to wake us up in the mornings. Rain refreshes the earth and us, too. New life is everywhere, and it's easy to praise God for it.

Some things are coming to an end, too. Some of our young people are graduating from college and high school and headed out on new adventures in life. Other students will be moving to a new grade level and/or school. And summer beckons with its warmth and freedom to do things we can't at other times of the year. Ah, May!

We will have two opportunities to honor our LCC high school graduates this year, on Sunday, May 19 during 10 a.m. worship; and on Wednesday, May 22, during 6:15 p.m. worship (the last Wednesday worship until the summer outdoor services). Graduating will be Callie Collins, from Century High School, and Keelin Traynor, from Bismarck High School. We are proud of these young women!

May is also a time when Camp of the Cross is gearing up for summer youth camps. Our altar focus for May is "Mother the Camp" - any items we donate, from toilet paper to stamps to cleaning supplies to food to craft supplies - means less out of the camp budget has to go for these things. So you can have a big impact by bringing one or more items! There are many copies of the long list of items needed in the narthex here at church. We can also email it to you, or mail you a copy - just let us know! We will make sure the items get to camp.

There is also a work weekend planned in May up at Camp of the Cross - May 17, 18, 19. They will provide a place to stay overnight, if you want to, and meals, too! Come up for a day or the whole weekend and help on many projects to get everything shipshape for the season. Call the camp at 701-337-2246 if you would like specifics on projects and what gloves or equipment you might bring with you!

Many ways we can serve and celebrate within and without our church family. Thank you for all you do; for all your generosity to one another, to this church, and to the world. And thanks be to God for this glorious creation!

See you in church, Pastor Lisa

## **Camp of the Cross scholarships available for campers!**

Have you ever been to Camp of the Cross, near Garrison? It is fantastic! Check out the brochures on the kids' table near the library and see all the summer opportunities for youth. (The bulletin board has upcoming retreats, as well!) We don't want cost to be an impediment to your child being able to have this fabulous camp experience. \$100 scholarships are available. Please contact Pastor Lisa or treasurer Art Wheeler.

**Book Club** Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30 in the Library.

May: The Midwife's Song by Brenda Ray

June: The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

July: To Heaven & Back by Mary C. Neal

Consider coming to the Book Club. We have interesting and lively discussions of each book. Each book is also rated by the readers.

A variety of subjects are read but usually works of fiction. .



**Theology on Tap** May 16th @ Bismarck Ale Works, 7pm  
Off for the summer. Back in September..

## **In the Footsteps of Paul tour coming in March 2025!**

We have many tools to help Bible stories come alive for us: maps, study guides, commentaries, different translations. But nothing brings more aha! moments and enhances understanding better than traveling to the places and getting to know the context that surround and shape the story. Pastor Lisa will be leading a group to Greece and Turkey, to some of the places where Paul preached and ministered, from March 18-29, 2025. You will visit Thessaloniki, Philippi, the Meteora monasteries, Delphi, Athens, a 4 day cruise excursion taking us to Mykonos, Ephesus (Turkey), Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini; and Corinth, before returning to Athens for departure. Full information is available now; let Pr. Lisa know if you are interested in hearing more about it or know someone who might like to go.

## **Sunday Hosts and Dishwashers always needed!**

Fellowship time after Sunday worship is one of the highlights of the week for many of us. If you haven't stayed – make an effort to calm your schedule for another half hour and join in. Of course, we could just drink coffee – but the treats provided by some – cookies, donuts, breads, muffins – store bought or homemade – really add to the “flavor” of the time together. And, naturally, even just coffee cups need to be washed. Check your schedule and sign up for a Sunday, with a friend if you like, to host or to wash dishes (training provided – it's easy and quick!). Share the fun and assure this fellowship doesn't become a burden because only a few help out.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>May 2024</p> <p>Altar Focus: Mother the Camp for COC</p>			<p>1 5:00p Supper</p> <p>6:15p Worship</p> <p>7p Church School, Confirmation, River</p>	<p>2 Quilting 1p</p> <p>AA Mtg 8pm</p>	<p>3 Wired Word</p> <p>1:30pm</p>	<p>4 Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10am</p>
<p>5 10:00 River Worship</p> <p>11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>6 Needlework</p> <p>Group 9am</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Book Club 1:30pm</p> <p>5:00p Supper</p> <p>6:15p Worship</p> <p>7p Church School, Confirmation, River</p>	<p>9 Quilting 1pm-</p> <p>Church Council</p> <p>6:30pm</p> <p>AA Mtg 8pm</p>	<p>10 Wired Word</p> <p>1:30pm</p>	<p>11 Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10am</p>
<p>12 10:00 River Worship</p> <p>11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>13 Needlework</p> <p>Group 9am</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>15 5:00 Supper</p> <p>6:15 Worship</p> <p>7p Church School, Confirmation, River</p>	<p>16 10:30 Gath-</p> <p>er Bible Study</p> <p>Quilting 1p</p> <p>AA Mtg 8pm</p> <p>Theology on Tap 7pm</p>	<p>17 Wired Word</p> <p>1:30pm</p>	<p>18 Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10am</p>
<p>19 10:00 River Worship</p> <p>Senior Recognition</p> <p>11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>20 Needlework</p> <p>Group 9am</p> <p>Knitting 4 Others 1:00pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:00 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 Supper</p> <p>6:15 Last Worship/Senior Recognition</p> <p>7p Church School, Confirmation,</p>	<p>23 AA Mtg. 8pm</p>	<p>24 Wired Word</p> <p>1:30pm</p>	<p>25 Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10am</p>
<p>26 10a River Worship</p> <p>11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>27 Memorial</p> <p>Day Office</p> <p>Closed</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7pm River practice</p>	<p>30 AA Mtg. 8pm</p>	<p>31 Synod Assembly in Watford City, ND</p>	



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## E-News

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### Worship Times:

Wednesday Worship

6:15pm (School year)

Sunday Worship

The River Service

10:00am

Lisa Ahlness, Pastor

### Office Hours:

M -TH 8-4pm

Fri. 8-noon School Year

Summer Hours 8—noon

Mon.—Fri

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