



The Cross Word

May 2025

From Pastor Lisa

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 graduation 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 time of the year. Ah, May!

We will have two opportunities to hoor our LCC high school graduates this year, on Sunday, May 18 during 10 a.m. worship; and on Wednesday, May 21, during 6:15 p.m. worship (the last Wednesday worship until the summer outdoor services. Graduation will be Megan Bassingthwaite, Bayne Blanchard, Maren Fike and Ole Taylor from Century High School, Jace Kunze from Shiloh Christian High School and Easter Bergrud and Kayla Tiffany from Legacy High School. We are proud of these young men and 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 and 18. 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!

If you'd like to help get the LCC ground in top shape, we are working on them Monday, May 5, starting at 10 a.m. C'mon over and help ready the flower beds, etc.!

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

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

May — This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

June —The Forest of Vanishing Stars by Kristin Harmel

July — The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles

Consider coming to the Book Club. We have interesting and lively discussions of each book. A variety of subjects are read but usually works of fiction.

In the Footsteps of Paul tour coming in April 2026!

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 shapes the story. Pastor Lisa will be leading a group to Greece and Turkey, to some of the places where Paul preached and ministered, shortly after Easter in 2026.

The plan is to visit Istanbul, Thessaloniki, Philippi, the Meteora monasteries, Delphi, Athens, a 4-day cruise excursion take us to Mykonos, Ephesus (Turkey) Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini; and Corinth, before returning to Athens for departure. Friends and family are welcome; our LCC neighbors have also expressed interest in joining us on this tour. Let Pr. Lisa know if you are interested in hearing more about it or know someone who might like to go.

Scripture Circles

Come share in a transformative method of studying the Bible that is accessible to all. The first of four meeting times is Thursday, May 8 @ Faith Lutheran. A light supper will be served starting at 5:00 pm with the study beginning at 5:45. A free will offering will be collected, but the events are free. No prior experience or knowledge is needed. Scripture Circles will be led by U.S. Jones, II. The remainder of the meetings will be held once a month over the summer. Place and time to be determined.

Are you looking for a way to **give back to the church** in some small way but don't know how? Consider donating your time by ushering, being the scripture reader or communion assistant. Those ministerial duties take moments of your time but add so much to the vitality of this church. Give the secretary a call and say "put me on the list please." 223.1001.

I want to **'Thank the Monday Morning Stitchers Group'** for their donation of cloth and time to make our new napkins under our centerpieces and crosses in the dinning area! These and others made by Kay Miller and Sandy Hyland will decorate our tables!

Thank you,
Sally Grenz

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Creators are:
Keira Collins,
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from Jean Kraft's
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 2025 Altar Focus: Mother the Camp				1 Quilting 1pm AA Mtg 8pm	2 Wired Word 1:30pm	3 Men's Bible Study 10am
4 9:00 Practice 10:00 River Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour	5 Needlework Group 9am	6 W & Music committee 7:30	7 5:00 Supper 6:15p Worship 7 Church School, Confirmation, River practice 7pm	8 Quilting 1pm Scripture Circle 5pm Faith Luth AA Mtg 8pm Church Council 6:30pm	9 Wired Word 1:30pm	10 Men's Bible Study 10am
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Worship Times:

Wednesday Worship

6:15pm (School year)

Sunday Worship

The River Service

10:00am

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Office Hours:

M -TH 8-4pm

Fri. 8-noon School Year

Summer Hours 8—noon

Mon.—Fri

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