



## The Newsletter for Effie Fredheim Lutheran and Grace Community Lutheran Churches

May Newsletter

A Message from Deaconess Dianna

Hallelujah Christ is risen he is risen indeed! We continue celebrating the Easter season until May 23 when we begin the Pentecost season with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Christian church. All the apostles were gathered together and suddenly at the sound of a violent wind, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and able to speak in other languages. Peter preached the gospel of salvation to the large gathered crowd. 3000 people were baptized and became followers of Jesus. What a dramatic beginning for the church!

May 23 will also be Confirmation Sundays at Grace Community Lutheran Church and Effie Friedheim Lutheran Church. At Grace, Scott Storlie and Josephine Kinn will confirm their faith and publicly reaffirm their baptism. At Effie, Caden Rahier will confirm his faith and reaffirm his baptism.

On May 26 at First Presbyterian Church at 6:00 PM our Christian community will hold a Baccalaureate Service for the graduating seniors. The Service will be available in person and online.

Pastor Vicki Taylor will be leading worship services on May 16 and I will get to go fishing on Fishing Opener! She will also be leading worship services on June 20. I will be in North Dakota for my family's Celebration of my sister Linda's life.

I was hoping to begin children's sermons again. However, it will need to be postponed because of the rise in COVID-19 cases among children in Itasca County. I encourage the children to read the story Bible Books that I gave them. In the Whirl Story Bible the Easter stories begin on page 410. In the Spark Story Bible the Easter stories begin on page 482.

I am at Bigfork on Friday afternoon through Sunday. If you would like to talk to me, please let me know and I will be glad to schedule time for you. I also will make home Communion visits.

Peace and Joy in Jesus! Deaconess Dianna

### *Announcements*

*Grace Council on Zoom April 10 at 7:00 pm.*

*Effie Council May 16 at 7:30 am*

*Grace WELCA - May 22 at 1:00 pm*

*Effie WELCA May 22 at 4:00 pm*

*Confirmation Sunday May 23*

*If you have submissions for The Voice, the deadline is the 22nd of the month. If you have a change of address, phone, email or other please call or email - [bigluth2@bigfork.net](mailto:bigluth2@bigfork.net) or call 743-3368.*

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# Council Minutes



## WELCA MINUTES 04-10-2021

**Call to order:** President LeeAnn Baker

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from 12/5/20 were reviewed & approved M/S/C

**Treasurer's Report:** Laura Rajala:

Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved

### **Old Business:**

WELCA Booklet is still on hold until more activities at Church resume.

### **New Business:**

A request was made and agreed to for WELCA to provide cakes for the two youth being confirmed on May 23.

Bake less bake sale letter is on hold until this summer.

Meeting was Adjourned M/S/C

Next Meeting will be on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00.

Submitted by Secretary's, Taunya Rautio and Terry Welshinger



## **Grace Council April 11, 2021**

**Correspondence** - None to report at this time.

Treasurer's report - Zona not present but had sent reports to members to review. Motion to accept by AI, second by Terry, MCU

### **Old Business**

Thank you and Bereavement cards - Discussion by council

### **New Business**

Candidate to replace Jessie - Position offered to Dave. He will continue to think about it at this time.

Delegate for May Convention - North Eastern Minnesota Synod Assembly will be held via ZOOM Friday April 30- Sunday May 2. Friday will begin with a sermon by the Bishop. Registration for Delegates needs to be in. Deaconess Dianna and Connie Lovdahl will be registered. Dianna will check if other members could access this.

**WELCA** - Report given by Terry. First in person meeting was yesterday. Bake less bake sale will be on hold for this time. WELCA will be purchasing cakes for Confirmation.

### **Deaconess Dianna**

Upon arrival at the parsonage it was discovered that there was some water in basement and the furnace had to be manually reset again because temperature was down to 56.

May 23 will be Confirmation. We have 2 involved. Dianna requested that there be cakes for fellowship time with the families after service. This was approved, the families will be spaced in the fellowship hall. Only family members will be present.

Dianna would like to begin children's sermons. Invites to the Sunday School children will be sent inviting them to church.

Discussion on when to begin fellowship time after service. We will begin this ASAP depending on pandemic.

Motion to dismiss by Carol, second by Connie

Next meeting will be via Zoom on Monday May 10.

Closure will be The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Connie Lovdahl

No submission from Effie Council

## May Birthdays.

- 1 Josh Lovdahl
- 1 Ole Olson
- 5 Lorna Pula
- 8 Don Hubbard
- 8 Kendra Porter
- 10 Darrel Harwood
- 10 Mary Rahier
- 12 Sophia Buckingham
- 14 Heidi Korstad
- 20 Joanne Aakhus
- 21 Mickey Aakhus
- 23 Mary Olsen
- 24 Jim Mallon
- 25 Alarick Storlie
- 26 Esther Johnson
- 27 Charlene Miller
- 28 Earnest Olson
- 29 Anne Collins
- 30 Karen Wetzal
- 30 Sharon Karels
- 31 Rosabelle Jacobson
- 31 Rebecca Collins



- 5. Dick & Kathleen Munson
- 6. Tim & Anne Collins
- 22. Don & Mary Olsen
- 25. Eugene & Laura Rajala
- 30. Darrel & Dora—Pierson Powell



## Biblical Texts for Sundays in May

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
5/2	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
5/9	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
5/16	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
5/23	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
5/30	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17