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Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

The month of May is one filled with many Holy Days and Holidays. We have Memorial Day, Mother's Day, May Day, Cinco De Mayo, Star Wars Day, and many others. Of course, an often overlooked one is St. Matthias Day on May 14th. Matthias is, of course, one of the 12 apostles. Not the original ones, but the first replacement. Now, I find him very interesting for exactly that reason. The mission of Christ is so important that it goes beyond the first generation of disciples. When Judas betrays them and Christ, they do not give up or even "retire his number" so to speak. They realize that the mission must continue and so they replace him. They don't just do this on their own of course, but they do their best to make wise decisions by choosing two replacements, Joseph and Matthias, and then casting lots to let the Holy Spirit decide which of these two are destined to replace Judas.

Although the Bible leaves the story of Matthias there with his being chosen as one of the 12, other texts record that Matthias first preaches in Judea. From there, tradition has Matthias going to Ethiopia where he preaches until he is crucified there. Although relatively little is known about Matthias, various traditions have him preaching in other places. What is known about Matthias is that he faithfully carries on the ministry given to him. He is interesting for exactly the reason that he apparently is not actually that interesting. He is a faithful worker in Christ's kingdom, and although he is the first replacement, the church will continue to need people like him to step up and lead the church in their day and age. Many of them will not be recorded in the Bible, and their deeds though very impactful to those around them will go unknown to greater church history. (But are remembered by God). Just today Tim was cleaning up an old file-cabinet and found church records from the early 90's. They had ministries that I didn't know about and many of us probably don't remember, yet they built and sustained the church throughout the years. So, in this way he is a patron saint to all of us who have gotten ministries from others and then faithfully carry them on and help them to thrive and grow. Although we don't have just 12 disciples anymore, the church is made up of people willing to step up and take on those ministries of the church in our day and age. God is calling us to be Matthias stepping up to committees, ministries and carrying for one another in our day and age.

*Blessings,
Pastor Tim*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Corn Carnival will be here before we know it and planning is well under way! We'll be having the sign up at church again as well as the online signup (both coming soon). We are so thankful for everyone who helps make the Corn Carnival a success each year!! We couldn't do it without so many volunteers and appreciate everyone's help so much! One note when signing up for a shift as a server: Youth should be 10 or older. If under age 10, they must be signed up with a parent and please fill in only one spot on the sign up. If the child is older than 10 but the child is nervous or they haven't worked the stand before, it is always suggested to sign up with a parent for that first time working the stand. We appreciate the help of the youth so much each year! It's great to see those smiling faces excited to help! Reach out to anyone on the Corn Carnival Committee if you have any questions. This year's Corn Carnival is Aug 12-13-14. Hope to see you in the stand!



Thank you to everyone who helped service coffee and cookies during this past school year! We will be pausing coffee and cookies during the summer months and will resume when Sunday school begins again in the Fall. We would love to add some new faces to those that help serve so we'd love for you to consider helping in the Fall. Amy Sluis will post the sign up as we get closer to September.

BWCA Trip for Adults

Do you always think, "Why is it the youth who get to go on trips?" This year we are going to have a Couple's Boundary Water's trip! It will be part marriage enrichment and part boundary waters experience.

We will leave July 29th and go up north, spend a night in a hotel with some marriage enrichment and then separate into two gendered parallel trips into the Boundary Waters from the 30th to August 2nd.

We will have devotions and time to grow as men and women in Christ that will help us grow in faith and marriage. Remember, "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12 Please ask Pastor Tim for full information and to sign up.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continued

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

We are looking for a new part-time custodian. If you know of someone, please recommend them or talk to Pastor Tim. The job description and applications are in the Narthex and on the website, <https://www.elchome.net/employment-1>

Special Music for the Summer

We have a sign up for special music during the summer, if you are interested please sign up [here](#).



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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS

Abbey is looking for adults to lead small groups, games and crafts for VBS June 3-5 from 9 am to 12 pm. She is also looking for youth volunteers as well. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Abbey.

VOLUNTEER PIANO ACCOMPANIST NEEDED

Abbey is looking for volunteers to accompany our Cherub Choir on the piano in Sept. 2024 to May 2025. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Abbey.

Upcoming Events

JUNE

3-5: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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CHERUB CHOIR PERFORMS

On May 5th the Cherub choir will be performing with the Chancel choir in our All Choir Concert: Light of the World.

SUNDAE SUNDAY

May 12th marks the last day of Sunday school and to celebrate the end of year, the kids get a delicious treat!



Upcoming Events

MAY

5: **CHERUB CHOIR PERFORMS**

12: **SUNDAE SUNDAY/LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**



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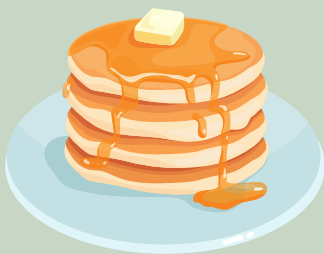
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BIBLE STUDY

First Sunday of the Month: JR & SR High Bible Study, on May 5th at 9:15 a.m. in the Chapel after Cherub Choir.



SENIOR SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST/NEW ORLEANS FINAL FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST
@ 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM

On Sunday, May 19th we will be having our final New Orleans fundraiser breakfast and talking with our graduating Seniors about their future plans. During service our seniors will receive their quilt and bible.

Upcoming Events

MAY

5: JR. & SR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY

19: SENIOR SUNDAY / BREAKFAST TO SUPPORT OUR NEW ORLEANS YOUTH



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UPCOMING EVENTS

at Church



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5/1 - 3:30 PM

Sheep Shack Bunch going to DQ

5/4 - 2 PM

Eric Raisler & Nathan Wilson Recital

5/5 - 9:15 AM

Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study

5/5 - 10 AM

Spring All Choir Concert: Light of the World

5/8 - 6:30 PM

Confirmation Finals

5/12 - 9 AM

Sundae Sunday

5/12 - 10 AM

Easter 7, Mother's Day, Ellis Dobbs' Baptism

5/18 - 9 AM

Girls of Grace meets

5/19 - 8:45 AM

Pancake Breakfast w/ Our Graduating Seniors

5/19 - 10 AM

Senior (Graduating) Sunday

5/19 - 11 AM

Day of Pentecost, Parsonage Task Force

5/21 - 2 PM

The Book Club meets

5/26 - 9 AM

Holy Trinity Sunday

Don't Be Late - Service Time Change

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

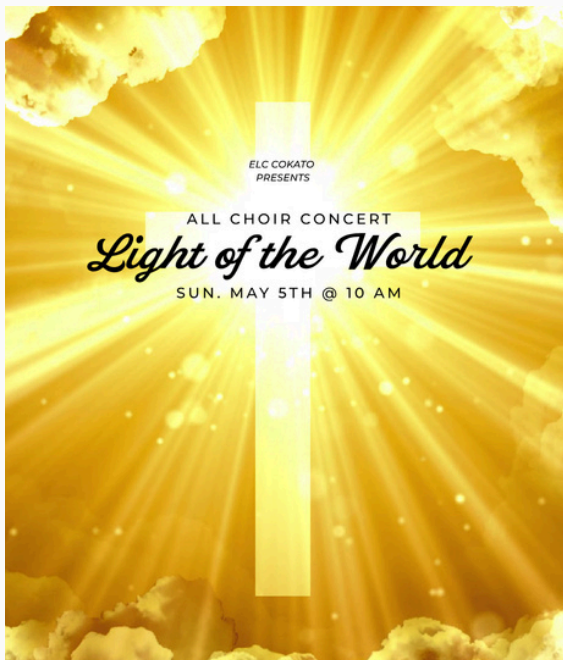
May 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

ELC Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<p>ALL CHOIR SPRING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am - Adult Forum 9am - Sunday School 10am - Sunday Worship 10am - YouTube Live 11am - Soren Bortnem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am - Bulletin Copy 10am - Staff Meeting 7pm - Property 7pm - Worship & Music 		<p>SHEEP SHACK DQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm - Sheep Shack 5:30pm - Soren Bortnem 6:30pm - 7-9th Gr. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am - Quilt Group 7pm - Christian Ed 	<p>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am - Men's Bible Study 4pm - Eric & Nathan's
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>SUNDAY SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am - Adult Forum 9am - Sunday School 10am - Cherub Choir 10am - Dobbs Baptism 10am - Sunday Worship 10am - YouTube Live 11am - Soren Bortnem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am - Bulletin Copy 10am - Staff Meeting 	<p>4:45pm - Global Missions</p>	<p>CONFIRMATION FINALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm - Sheep Shack 5:30pm - Soren Bortnem 6:30pm - 7-9th Gr. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am - Quilt Group 	<p>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am - Men's Bible Study
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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PRAISE THE LORD

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Join us **Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 10 a.m.**
 for our **All Choir Concert.**
Click on the image
to watch the livestream
on Sunday!

QUARTERLY UPDATE for JAN.-MAR. 2024

General Offering \$70,332 (\$77,332 is needed quarterly to meet our general operating budget).



Special donations in the first quarter:
 Outreach \$224, Global Missions \$169, Building & Improvements \$909,
 Worship & Music \$500, World Hunger \$300 and the Youth \$1818.

THANKS TO ALL WHO FOLLOW, LIKE,
 SHARE, SUBSCRIBE AND WATCH!

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