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## FLOCK TALK

Hi! A lot has been going on even though one may not see it. Plenty of items and details have needed attention in order to make things happen. That said, a lot of challenges have arisen along the way. Steps have been taken to help people read, hear, watch, and sing along in worship services. Steps have been taken to help people join in Bible fellowship on computers, cell phones and now land lines. A lot more attention and effort are still needed to help people connect with God and others in different ways.

Thankfully, people like Tracy Boysen, Corey Schmidt, Jason Norheim, Chad Kohls, Deb Hull, and Brenda Wysoski are doing their part to help out in these areas. Myself, I'm slowly moving along learning Zoom and other areas at church, in the office, on my new phone, and in using other technology.

**Successes:** We had our first Executive Council meeting via Zoom! We learned how to talk and listen and mute so others don't have to struggle hearing over pets and washing machines. We've had multiple Elder's Meetings via phone call conferencing. We've had 5+ Bible Fellowship group gatherings! Yeah! If interested: contact me at 712-898-1658 or ptschiller@gmail.com. Another success is we're starting a new interactive church website. Be looking for details to come about this website at a new address.

**Challenges:** People getting frustrated at all the new changes and challenges that come with them. Believe me, I know! It can be very taxing to learn how to do something when you don't know what you're doing. Thankfully, one can learn how to learn! I don't think anyone likes not knowing how to use a new phone or use an old phone in a new way and when you try, it doesn't work! GRRHH!!

However, once you learn how to do something, then one's attitude improves, right? As such, if you need

help please contact the church office or Pastor Tim by phone, email, or text. (See above for details.) I will help or point you to someone else. **ALSO**, if you can help, let me know so I can point others to you. Better yet, come with someone and help that person. Each one of us has our part we can do, and learn.

Jesus says God is the Master Gardener. He says there's a reason the Master Gardener planted the Vine. He wants IT to bear fruit. Jesus said, *"I am the Vine; you are the branches. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last."* (John 15:15-16)

God and Jesus have their part; we have our part. God and Jesus bring nutrients to us to grow fruit. The nutrients God brings is his love and forgiveness to us. God's love and forgiveness nourishes us. As branches, we hang there connected to the Vine and He grows the fruit in us and we bear (hold) the fruit he made in us. Others then see the fruit, taste it, and see God is good.

God didn't make branches to be cut off and burned. He made branches to bear the fruit HE grows. We are branches connected to Jesus. Apart from Jesus we will not bear any fruit. Connected to Jesus we will bear fruit. Jesus says: *"If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5b)

Even at a time such as now with all our challenges, God makes fruit grow in us for others to taste and see God is good. Even in a time as this, it's still important to remain connected to Christ. Remaining in Jesus, and HE in us, **we will bear much fruit**. This is Jesus' promise to you. May Jesus bless you and yours with fruit-filled days this coming May!

Pastor Tim

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUBMITTED BY: SS Squad

### Sunday School News!

Due to the Governor closing schools for the remainder of the school year, we will be following suit and postponing the remainder of the Sunday School year. Stay tuned for a surprise from the Sunday School coming your way shortly! All of the teachers miss their students very much and pray that you are all staying safe and healthy. God's blessings to you all until we are able to come back together again!

Sunday School Superintendent team,  
Deb Hull  
Kari Kremer  
Denise Norhiem  
Wanda Swenson

## SPRING JOKES

### How excited was the gardener about spring?

So excited he wet his plants.

### Does February like March?

No, but April May

### When do monkeys fall from the sky?

During APE-ril showers

### What season is it best to go on a trampoline?

Spring time

### What do you call a rabbit with flees?

Bugs Bunny

### Name a bow that can't be tied.

A rainbow

### What's Irish and comes out in Spring?

Paddy O'Furniture

## ALTAR GUILD

SUBMITTED BY: Amory Anderson

We are still in the time of Easter, and what a time it has been with this very uncertain time with the Covid-19 virus keeping us all at home unless an essential worker. Life as we have known it has changed a great deal. It is still uncertain when we will be able to gather for services in church again. The Altar caregivers have done a wonderful job of carrying out the changes needed to be made each week during the Lenten/Holy week services that were taped for us to stay connected during this time of quarantine. A special THANK YOU to Pastor Tim, Jason and Laura for their taping the services weekly for us all, which will continue until we are told it is safe to gather. Thank you to everyone who ordered flowers to beautify the Altar for Easter and to Brenda Wysoski for helping us arrange them for the Easter Sunday Service. Please remember to thank the ladies who were altar caregivers for the month of April: Joleen Elbert, Kathy Niewind and Brenda Wysoski. Marian Brelje, Laurie Johnson and Amory Anderson will attend the Altar for the month of May. My prayer is that you all stay healthy and safe.

## TRUSTEE TEAM

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## MAY RECIPES

SUBMITTED BY: Tracy Boysen

### Rhubarb Dream Bars

Crust:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter

Filling:

- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 cups diced rhubarb

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease (or spray) the bottom and sides of an 8x8" pan.

Whirl the three crust ingredients in a food processor and then press into the bottom of the prepared pan.

Bake for 15 minutes, crust will remain very pale in color.

While crust is baking mix together eggs, sugar, flour and salt and whisk well.

Stir in rhubarb. Pour onto crust and bake additional 40-45 minutes.

Let bars cool completely and cut into squares to serve.



## FELLOWSHIP TEAM

SUBMITTED BY: Deb Hull

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month. For the month of May this will be Tuesday, May 12th, at 5pm (provided that we are able). We invite anyone that is interested in working with the fellowship of Good Shepherd to join us!

At our May meeting we will be discussing the planning of the Polka service, which is scheduled for July 19th.

We pray that everyone is staying safe and healthy during this time.

## LWML NEWS

SUBMITTED BY: Elaine Beulke

The LWML Alexandria Zone 2020 Spring Rally is postponed until Spring 2021. Election of officers will be done at the Fall Rally 2020. There will also be no 'Mommy and Me' event in 2020.

MN North District Convention is June 20-24. Doris Weispfennig will be our Zone Voting Delegate. An alternate is still needed at this time. As of now, I believe we will be doing business by mail, email or phone.

The Lutheran Island Camp LWML Retreat will be held in August this year. Please watch for dates and more info to come.

Our May meeting will depend on what is happening based on COVID - 19 in the next few weeks. Regular meeting time is the fourth Monday of the Month at 7pm in the education wing.

God's Blessings to all as we go through this hard time.

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

**May 1**

Loren Boysen  
Tracy Boysen  
Alyssa Boysen  
Dominic Wysoski

**May 3**

Danica Lenarz

**May 5**

Amanda Seaton

**May 6**

Wayne Haben  
Mike Lenarz

**May 7**

Brandon Bertek

**May 10**

Aaron Schultz

**May 11**

Shane Gesell

**May 12**

Doug Hasz

**May 13**

Renee Haugen

**May 14**

Kristi Stevens

**May 15**

Merlin Groth  
Wyatt Rodriguez

**May 17**

Ryan Myhr  
Lisa Petrie

**May 18**

Mason Bullock

**May 19**

Tricia Manis  
Chris Barenz  
Ronald Rogers  
Cody Bruun

**May 21**

Colton Walburg  
Karen Hunt

**May 22**

Mark Trebelhorn

**May 24**

Gary Christianson  
Bret Duncan

**May 26**

Eric Doehling

**May 27**

Amelia Bullock

**May 28**

Tucker Bullock

**May 29**

Seth Rumohr

**May 30**

Donna Kruse

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**May 2**

Roy and Verla Schwendemann

**May 5**

Rich and Julie Duncan

**May 9**

Chris and Kaia Christianson

**May 16**

Dave and Stephanie Bertek

**May 17**

Gary and Jean Christianson

**May 19**

Aaron and Crystal Johnson

**May 21**

Bryan and Tracy Erickson

**May 24**

Glen and Belinda Wink

**May 25**

Dave and Sue Nelson

**May 28**

Brandon and Crystal Luedeke

**May 31**

Les and Donna Kruse  
Al and Joyce West

**“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”**

*~ Psalm 118 : 24*



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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Chairman:** Blaine Elbert

**Vice Chairman:** Paul Gesell

**Secretary:** Tracy Boysen

**Treasurer:** Evelyn Beulke

**Executive Board**

Rich Duncan

Chad Kohls

Dale Nibbe

Megan Schmidt

Carol Barenz

Council minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall.

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The Flock Talk and Monthly Calendar are available on the site! If you have information about your ministry and you would like it put on our website, let us know!

**Service Cancellation Information**

To check for service cancellations listen to KXRA radio station or go to [voiceofalexandria.com](http://voiceofalexandria.com)

**We are here  
for *You!***

**Our Elders are here for you!**

Contact us for any spiritual needs, prayer or visitation needs.

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**Who is my Elder? What do I do?**

The Elder Flock lists are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall, or call the Church office.

**You are *welcome*  
to join us for  
Bible Study!**

**Wednesday and/or Thursday mornings  
via zoom at 10 am.**

Please call, text or email Pastor Tim for the zoom ID number or if you have any questions on how to join a zoom call!

