

the Spirit

What's Inside:

Words from the Pastor

An invitation to another game night!

Our peanut butter, jelly, and healthy cereal collection for Bird Feeder

A schedule of worship assistants for May

And more!

We continue to livestream our Sunday services as well as invite those who are comfortable to worship in person with us. Masks are optional. Worship is each Sunday at 11:00am.

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office hours: Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am—2:00pm

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A Word from the Pastor...

Now, as we step into the vibrant embrace of spring, we are reminded of the profound spiritual truths woven into the fabric of nature.

In this season of renewal, where blossoms paint the landscape with hues of hope and promise, we are called to reflect on the powerful symbol of resurrection that spring embodies.

Just as the earth awakens from its wintry slumber, bursting forth with new life, so too, are we invited to awaken to the possibilities of spiritual growth and transformation.

The resurrection story, central to our Christian faith, speaks of triumph over darkness and of the eternal promise of renewal and redemption.

Spring whispers to us of the beauty found in just letting go when we shed the old, weary layers to make way for the freshness of new beginnings.

It beckons us to release the grip of doubt and fear and to embrace the hope that springs eternal from the depths of our souls.

In the resurrection of Christ, we find the ultimate expression of divine love.

A love so boundless that it conquers even death itself.

Through Christ's sacrifice and triumph, we are reminded that no darkness is too deep, no burden too heavy for the light of love to overcome.

And so, as we journey through this season of Easter and make our turn into the season of Pentecost, may we continually be inspired to embrace our own personal resurrections.

To let go of past hurts and regrets, to forgive ourselves and others, and to rise anew in the light of God's grace.

So, let us, like the seeds lying dormant in the earth, trust in the promise of growth and renewal and let us open our hearts to the gentle whispers of the Spirit, guiding us towards a deeper understanding of ourselves and our place in the world.

Together, let us celebrate the miracle of resurrection—not only as a historical event, but as a present reality in our lives.

In closing, may the joy of Easter always fill your hearts with hope, and may the promise of new life inspire you to live each day with courage, compassion, and unwavering faith.

Resurrection Blessings,

Pastor Durk



Calendar– May 2024

Thursday, May 9th

7:00pm church council

Sunday, May 19th

11:00am Music Sunday

Saturday, May 10th

6:00pm Shelter Supper

Saturday, May 11th

5:00pm game night

Weekly

Sundays

9:00am Aldersgate United Methodist worship service (sanctuary)

10:00am Aldersgate fellowship time

11:00am Spirit of Christ worship service (sanctuary)

12:00pm Spirit of Christ fellowship time

1:30pm Like No Other Family Church worship service (sanctuary)

Mondays

9-2 Spirit of Christ office hours

7:00pm Boy Scouts (fellowship hall)

7:00pm Aldersgate Life Group (sanctuary, 1st and 3rd Mondays)

Tuesdays

9-2 Aldersgate office hours

5:30pm Women's AA (fellowship hall)

4-8pm Aldersgate bell choir rehearsals

Wednesdays

9-2 Spirit of Christ office hours

6:00pm Bible Study

7:00pm Choir

Thursdays

9-2 Aldersgate office hours

6-9pm Aldersgate music rehearsals (sanctuary)

Fridays

7:00am N A (fellowship hall)

7:00pm Desire AA (fellowship hall)

Worship Assistants in May

May 5th - Renee (lector),
Renee, Bruce, Deb, Jeanne (ushers)

May 12th - Renee (lector),
Mark, Carolee, Bruce, Dina (ushers)

May 19th - Michelle (lector),
Dave, Pat, Lowell, Linda (ushers)

May 26th - Jennie (lector)
Jan, Clark, Karen, Carol (ushers)



Social Action

Calendar for May to July 2024

May 2024

1-19 Bird Feeder Collection
7, 14, 21,28 Bread – at Westwood
10 Shelter Meal

June 2024

1-30 STEP Collection
4, 11, 18, 25 Bread – at Westwood

July 2024

1-30 STEP Collection
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Bread – at Westwood
12 Shelter Meal

Our Saviour's Shelter Supper—May 10th

On Friday, May 10th, Spirit of Christ will serve dinner at the shelter. We are serving a Mexican fiesta menu including street tacos, rice, drinks and dessert. If you would like to serve or help in some other way, talk to Carolee or Mark by emailing coneheads985@msn.com or calling 952-935-5608.

Bird Feeder Collection

In May, Spirit of Christ will be collecting peanut butter, jelly and cereal for Bird Feeder. For cereal, the students are focusing on high protein and high nutrition items, so their suggestions are Kodiak protein pancake mix or oatmeal, Quaker protein oatmeal and non-sugar cereals. Bird Feeder also asked us to let people know that they would like the smaller size jars of peanut butter to distribute in student backpacks. Please consider adding PB and J or the types of cereals mentioned above to your May shopping lists. You can bring them to the table in the narthex and Social Action will deliver them to Bird Feeder for you! We will be collecting through May 19.

Social Action Donations

MoveFwd MN

Spirit of Christ donated \$350 to MoveFwd MN. More information can be found at this link: <https://movefwdmn.org/> to give you an idea of the kinds of support that MoveFwd offers to West Metro youth.



STEP FoodShare Donations

Spirit of Christ brought the FoodShare month donations of baby food and other items to STEP on April 1 valued at \$200 and weighing in at 62 pounds. Thank you for helping your neighbors by providing these highly needed items.



Bread Collection

The bread bagging team delivered 1096 pounds of bread to STEP in the month of March! We appreciate the ongoing support for the delivery that adds some variety to the items offered to the customers of the food shelf. Check out this carload delivered on March 26.

What's next for social action?

We welcome ideas you might have for Social Action initiatives and help with planning activities for 2024. Please let us know your thoughts by contacting a member of our committee. We also are thrilled to hear about projects that members are doing on their own to support others in need and we hope you enjoy reading about these efforts. If you have something to share, please tell us about the project! Your work to assist others is an inspiration to the whole congregation!

Get involved with social action

The Social Action Committee (aka SOC SAC) welcomes everyone in the congregation to join us to plan and organize mission and social action events. This could be an ongoing activity or a one-time commitment. Talk to anyone on SOC SAC (Deb Schmitz, Mark or Carolee Cohen, Renee Compo, Pat Latvala, Joanne Stone or Jeanne Worm) if you want to help or share a new idea!



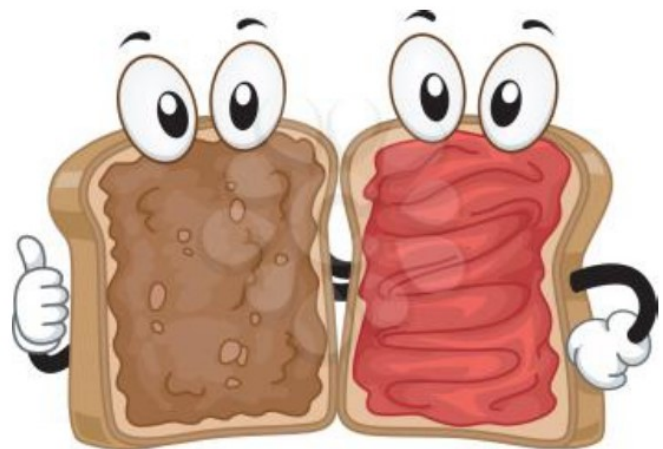
BIRD FEEDER

APRIL & MAY



Healthy Cereal

Small Jars of
Peanut Butter
And Jelly



(Small jars requested by Bird Feeder)

Please have in by May 19th



SOC intergenerational **Game Night**

Saturday, May 11th at 5pm

SOC fellowship hall

sloppy joes will be provided

bring a dish to share and your
favorite game!

Hosted by Nancy Latvala

