



# Steeple Notes

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### MAY 2023

**Ascension Day Service**  
**Thursday, May 18**  
**12:00 Noon--Auditorium**



### Worship Opportunities in May

- May 2**— Outdoor Communion at Noon
- May 7** – Communion at both 8:30 & 10:45 Services
- May 14** – 8:30 (Communion) & 10:45 Services
- May 18**— **Ascension Day** Service at Noon in the Auditorium
- May 21** – Communion at both 8:30 & 10:45 Services
- May 28** – **Pentecost** 8:30 & 10:45 Services

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**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. Acts 1:8**



Dear Family In Christ,

With the month of May in the Church Calendar Year, we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord on May 18th with a special midday and midweek worship. You are invited!

Then on Sunday, May 28th, we celebrate Pentecost.

Our verse of the Year of Story comes from: Acts 1:8. The verse records Jesus' words to His disciples before His ascension, promising them the power of the Holy Spirit and commissioning them to be His witnesses to the world. The verse reads: **"but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."** I encourage you to memorize this verse and pray it every day. Pray to become the witness, God has called us to be! I found this article online from a church in Maryland. It is written to encourage and teach all to celebrate Pentecost. I wanted to share it with you and invite you to the celebration God has prepared for us!

### **1. Pentecost Reminds Us of The Holy Spirit.**

For some Christians, the Holy Spirit is kind of like "the forgotten God," as Francis Chan expressed it. We talk much of "God," or "Jesus", but the Holy Spirit gets less attention. Whatever the case, Pentecost is worth celebrating if, for no other reason, we celebrate the Holy Spirit.

### **2. Pentecost Reminds Us of The Power of The Holy Spirit.**

If a single word could be used to describe the events on Pentecost, it would be the word, "power." To a huddled group of discouraged disciples, there came the sound of hurricane-force winds, the strange presence of flames above each head, and then an explosion of gospel witness that catapulted the Jerusalem church to a force that was too large to ignore. When several dozen men and women proclaim the truth among thousands of people, each one hearing them in his or her own language, you know something powerful is at work. Pentecost was where it started.

### **3. Pentecost Reminds Us of The Importance of The Great Commission.**

In order to really grasp the “why” of Pentecost, it helps to understand the “when.” Pentecost took place on the heels of Jesus’ final command, “Go and make disciples.” After a brief pause — like the calm before a mighty storm — the Holy Spirit arrived. A major part of his mission was to empower the disciples to fulfill Christ’s command. The injunction to make disciples of all nations and teach them all things is a tall order. Only the Spirit could aid them. When we celebrate Pentecost, we cannot help but realize the magnificent responsibility we have been given in the Great Commission.

### **4. Pentecost Encourages Us in Our Labor.**

The Book of Acts opens with a bang — the Holy Spirit arrives (Acts 2:2) and the world begins to be turned upside down by the Church (Acts 17:6).

### **5. Pentecost Gives Us Hope.**

One of the reasons why celebrating Pentecost is such a glorious thing is because of its hope-giving power. When the disciples scurried off to their upper room retreat after Jesus’ ascension, they may have been a rather discouraged group. Here they were — a handful of people, invested with great truth, and commissioned with great promise. But where was the power? What could they do? The arrival of the Holy Spirit was nothing short of shocking. In His power, they had hope. Things were happening! Thousands were converted! The church mushroomed in size! The truth was proclaimed in every language! Here was hope! But what about today? Is there any hope for us today? Absolutely, yes. We have the same Holy Spirit!

### **6. Pentecost Overwhelms Us with A Sense of Awe and Reverential Worship.**

This Holy Spirit whom we so easily take for granted — living in us — is God, in all His holiness, infinity, majesty, and glory.

The Holy Spirit living in us, is God. What a beautiful thought and reality to embrace.

See you in church!

Pastor Tanyce Addison



# WOMEN of the ELCA

Welcome, Good Hope Gals, to WELCA Meetings for May 2023

Faith Circle: Wednesday, May 3 at 1:30 in the lounge

We will be using the April study and move into the May one if the Gather magazine arrives.

Emmaus Circle: Monday, May 22 at 7:00 in the lounge

A new book Loving Well in a Broken World: Discover the Hidden Power of Empathy, will be the basis of our study. Please see Susan Holdcraft for a copy of the book. She found used ones so the cost is only \$5.00. We will be discussing chapter 2 and maybe chapter 3.

WELCA Board: Wednesday, April 19 in the library

Cheri Seckel has joined our board. We are so thankful!

(If you are interested in helping plan our activities, attend even though you

**Ascension Day Service**

**Thursday, May 18**

**12:00 Noon--Auditorium**

**Half Hour Worship Followed  
by Light Lunch and Fellowship**

**All Are Welcome  
Guys and Gals and Friends**

**Come and Celebrate one of the  
Most Important Days of the  
Christian Calendar**





**Good Hope Members 80 Years and Older with birthdays this month**

**Call the church office or look in the church directory for addresses. A copy is on the church library table or on the WELCA cupboard in the narthex for your use.**

**WELCA Board does not expect all Good Hope members to send a birthday card to everyone listed. Rather, the hope is that everyone will receive a few birthday wishes, especially those who are homebound or in a nursing facility, or those who may not have family to celebrate their birthdays.**

*Sarah Gebhardt May 12  
Bonnie Ley May 18  
Roberta Siniff May 18  
Chuck Scott May 31*

*Edith Rittenhour May 17  
Janet Schiefer May 18  
Kenneth Chandler May 23*

*As time permits, Dee has been working through the computer programs. She has found three more members who will be eighty this year. I am sure there will be more found.*



**WELCA will be preparing and serving a meal to the Cardinal Choral on Saturday, June 10. If you would be available and able to help with this meal, please contact Sarah at 419-562-9455.**

# WELCA PROJECT

## For the Month of May

**We have chosen to collect items for Oesterlen in Springfield. The staff works with troubled children ages three to eighteen. Following is a list of some of the needed items. If you wish to purchase any, please place them in the container marked "Oesterlen" in the narthex by the end of May.**

**Gift Cards \$5.00-\$20.00: Kroger, Walmart, Meijer, Hobby Lobby, Wendy's McDonald's, Burger King, Donato's, Domino's, Little Caesar's, Pizza Hut, Home Depot, Lowe's, Rural King, Tractor Supply (Gift cards are used for rewards, parties, teaching proper public behavior, and supplies for Life Skills Center programming)**

**Art Supplies: sketch pads, colorful yarn, inexpensive journals/diaries**

**Clothing: underwear size youth large to adult XL female and male (prefer boxer briefs)**

**sweat pants size adult small to XL but medium is most often needed  
sports bras with no metal in them, size medium**

**Recreation: decks of playing cards, yo-yos, inexpensive portable MP3 players/radios/speakers, coloring books**

**School Supplies: college lined notebook fill paper**

**Toiletries: bath towels, washcloths, stick deodorant, ethnic hair care products, toothbrushes, toothpaste**

*A list of these items (to use on your shopping trip) is on the WELCA cupboard in the narthex. Thank you for your support in this project.*

*Looking Ahead: WELCA July "Picnic"*

*Monday, July 10*

*We will be focusing on Alzheimer's Disease and starting to make some of the items for our October Conference Gathering.*

*Mark your calendar so you are sure to save the date.*

*Read the article on Fidget Mats.*

### **Fidget Mats**

**Our project for the WELCA October Conference Gathering will be based on Alzheimer's Disease. One of the items we would like to have made to share with Alzheimer patients is Fidget Mats. These mats are used by these individuals to have something to keep their hands busy and their minds occupied.**

**A display showing Fidget Mats is in the narthex. You can see that these items can be made from things you might have around the house. Sale items at craft stores or the Dollar Tree can be bought. Parts of Fidget Mats are machine sewn; parts are hand sewn. Regular thread, quilting thread, or yarn can be used to attach items. Perfection in making a Fidget Mat is not necessary; imagination is useful. Let yours go wild and make a mat or several by next October.**

**If you cannot make any Fidget Mats, perhaps you might have items that could be used by someone else who can make them. Zippers, buttons (especially ones with larger holes or ornate ones), scraps of material (especially fuzzy or textured ones), old jewel pins, clips with holes to attach them, trimmings left from sewing projects, ribbon—just anything that is a fun surface to touch and can be attached to the Fidget Mat.**

**Interfacing or thin batting can be use on the inside of the Fidget Mat. A Fidget Mat is about 24 by 18 inches so the interfacing pieces need to be that large.**

**There are numerous websites to visit that talk about how to make a Fidget Mat. One of them is Jenn's Creativity Corner at <https://www.youtube.com>. There are also many on display on Pinterest. Check them out and help with this WELCA project. Talk with Lori Burkart or Sarah Gebhardt if you have questions. Have fun creating!**

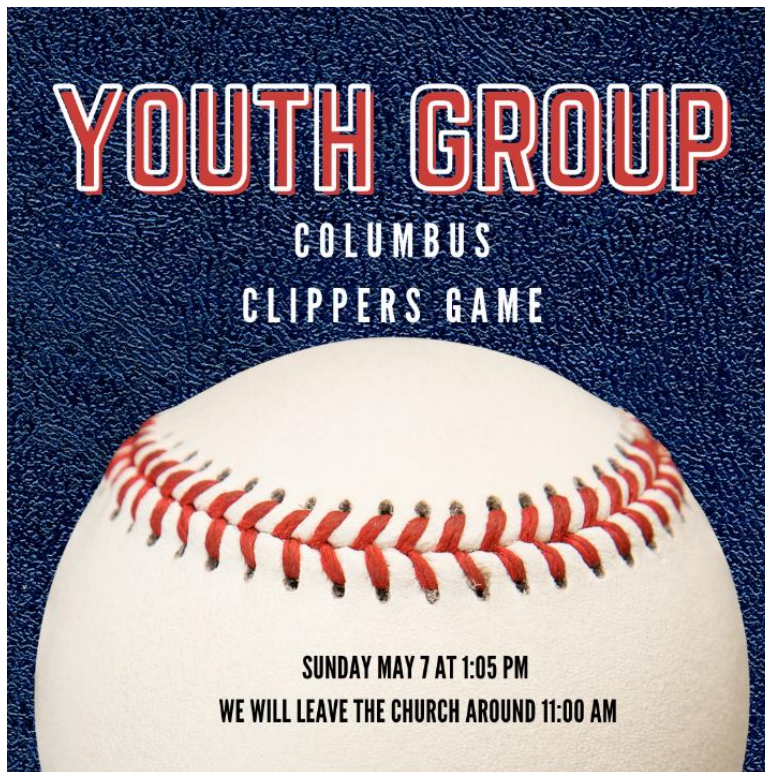


# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MINISTER

Dear Good Hope Family,

I hope everyone had a blessed Easter! We have an exciting youth group planned for May and I am looking forward to some of our summer activities coming up!

## May Youth Group



May Mission Sunday- May 7 at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium





# SAVE THE DATE



Vacation Bible School Dates:  
June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

May Confirmation Dates:

9:30-10:25

May 7- Attend Worship & Mission Sunday

Columbus Clipper's Game

May 14- Attend Worship; Class- Temptation, Trial, and Deliverance

May 21- Attend Worship; Class- Serving Others Through Vocation

May 28- Attend Worship; LAST CLASS PARTY- Theology of the Cross and  
Theology of Glory

\*There will be NO CLASS during June and July. Please keep an eye out for  
any summer events and news on when class will resume. \*



**Congratulations to all Good  
Hope's high school seniors!**

Yours in Christ,  
Lauren Adkins  
Community Engagement Minister

# Good Hope Christian Preschool News May 2023



## **Mrs. Spayde**

We will end the year with our God Made Me books and see the progress we have made on our fine motor skills. Other themes for the year are ABC Fun, Healthy Me, and Summer Fun.

Our final day of preschool will be an End of the Year Celebration! The preschoolers will have a build-your-own sundae for snack. They will end the day by singing songs for their families and receiving their certificates and portfolios.

Thank you to the families and congregation for your support and prayers. God bless you and see you next school year!

## **Mrs. Wood**

It is hard to believe it is already the last month of school! This year has just flown by. It has been a great year, and has been so much fun to see how much the children have learned and grown during the school year.

During the month of May, we will share the story of Jonah and the Whale. The preschoolers will also learn about the ocean. They will have the opportunity to wear their swimsuit to school. This is always an exciting day at preschool!

To conclude our year, we will be busy at school practicing for our spring program, a field trip to Pisanello's, and a last day of school ice cream celebration!

## **Important Dates**

May 1- Preschool Board Meeting 4:15pm

May 4-Mrs. Spayde & Mrs. Steffan's Class-Field Trip-  
Buckeye Imagination Museum

May 11-Preschool Spring Program-7:00pm in the Church  
Sanctuary

May 25- End of Year Celebration for each class-Last day  
of preschool!

## **Preschool Openings**

We still have preschool openings for children ages 3 to 5 years-old. Registration forms are available in the church office or at [www.goodhopelutheran.com](http://www.goodhopelutheran.com).

## **Continuing Preschool Goodwill Fundraiser**

We are happy to announce that we are accepting items for our Preschool Goodwill Fundraiser. We will accept bedding, towels, and soft clothing. (Please NO belts, shoes, or handbags) Thank you so much for your donations and supporting the preschool!

## THANK YOU      THANK YOU      THANK YOU

**THANK YOU** for your generous contributions of shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets, slippers, Polydent/Fixodent, razors, lotion, bodywash, mouthwash, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, boardgames, Jumbo playing cards, batteries, watch, and lens cleaning wipes for the **VETERANS** at the **OHIO VETERAN'S HOME** in Sandusky. The items were delivered on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. OUTREACH COMMITTEE

With a heart filled with gratitude, I want to thank everyone who helped with the Lenten and Holy Week worship services and activities! Thank you to all who helped clean the church! Thank you for all the cards and kindnesses shared with me! The Easter Alleluias you have shared and continue to share, proclaim the good news and beautiful light of Jesus' resurrection!! Thank you so much. Pastor Tanyce Addison



### **NAMES NEEDED!! HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES...**

Please give the church office names and schools of high school and college graduates.



The Gifts of Hope Committee is offering a **college scholarship** to Good Hope members during the first four years following high school graduation. Students who enlist in the armed services after high school will be eligible the first four years after the completion of their duty. You must be a full-time student to be eligible for this scholarship. **Deadline to apply is June 5.** The application form may be picked up from the church office.

# DID YOU KNOW...



## **Good Hope Lutheran Church Concert Series!**

Mark your calendar with the following dates

**Saturday June 10 at 7:30 P.M.**

The Cardinal Chorale

*More information to come!*



In honor of Mothers' Day, Outreach will be collecting donations for the **Fistula Foundation** throughout May. A fistula is an abnormal passage often associated with childbirth, that could result in urinary or colon incontinence. Surgery can correct this. The Fistula Foundation works to bring this life-changing gift to many poor, socially shunned women in Africa. Your donation will help many be "reaccepted" into their communities. Outreach will provide envelopes for your donations.



## **Open dates**

**Flowers:** May 7, 28

June 25

**Radio:** May 7, 14, 21

June 11, 25

**Wine:** Oct. 2



**As of March 12, 2023 Offering Week**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Current     | \$9,466.62 |
| Benevolence | \$315.05   |
| Window      | \$0.00     |
| Total       | \$9,781.67 |

**As of March 19, 2023 Offering Week**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Current     | \$2,703.60 |
| Benevolence | \$157.05   |
| Window      | \$0.00     |
| Total       | \$2,860.65 |

**As of March 26, 2023 Offering Week**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Current     | \$5,077.90 |
| Benevolence | \$178.05   |
| Window      | \$30.00    |
| Total       | \$5,285.95 |

**As of April 2, 2023 Offering Week**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Current     | \$6,858.51 |
| Benevolence | \$425.05   |
| Window      | \$0.00     |
| Total       | \$7,283.56 |

**As of April 9, 2023 Offering Week**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Current     | \$5,896.82 |
| Benevolence | \$412.79   |
| Window      | \$50.00    |
| Total       | \$6,359.61 |



*Please Remember...  
those who are homebound or in a nursing  
home*

**At Home**

- Charles Dierksheide - (Oct. 29)
- Genevieve Evans - (July 25)
- Mildred House - (January 30)  
1163 Township Road 2156, Ashland OH 44805
- Diane Kerr, 131 Monroe St, Apt 405, Anoka  
MN 55303

**Altercare**, 1929 Whetstone Street, Bucyrus OH 44820

- Ruth Lady Pollock - Room 102 (Oct. 31) mailing  
address: % David Lady, PO Box 8, Chatfield,  
OH 44825

**The Inn at Orchard Park**, 500 Wedgewood Court,  
Bucyrus OH 44820

- Marty Keller - Room 155 (June 7)
- Marilyn Gebhardt - Room 75 (Feb. 4)

**Promedica** (formerly Heartland of Bucyrus), 1170 W.  
Mansfield St, Bucyrus OH 44820

- Earl Uther - Room 36 (February 13)

**Dewolf Place**, 1140 Wilson Ave, Marion OH 43302

- Betty Snavelly - Apt. 115 (Oct. 25)

**Kingston Residence**, 464 James Way, Marion OH 43302

- Lowell Evarts (August 6)
- Miriam Evarts (August 20)

**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**



***Deaths***

Helen Ricker  
April 6, 2023

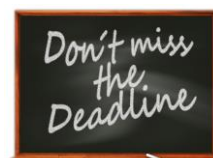
Juanita Young  
April 11, 2023

**Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.**  
**Friday 8:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.**

**Devotionals, Newsletter, and Living  
Lutheran Magazine**

- Available on the rack in the Narthex
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**Newsletter Deadline:**

- The 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to the office  
or Traci Wetterau at  
[twettera@columbus.rr.com](mailto:twettera@columbus.rr.com)

**Announcements for Sunday Bulletin:**

- Due to the office by 4:00 P.M. on  
Tuesday

# May 2023

Note: Calendar is subject to change!

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday            |
|--|--|--|---|---|--------|---------------------|
|  | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5      | 6                   |
|  | MONTH OF<br>MAY-MISSION<br>PROJECT/<br>OESTERLEN | 10:00 Women's<br>Bible study                                   | 9 & 9:20 am<br>Preschool Chapel<br>12:00 Outdoor<br>Communion<br>1:30 WELCA Bible<br>study<br>1:30 Faith Circle<br>6:30 Parish Ed<br>6:00 Praise Choir<br>6:00 Bell Choir<br>7:00Senior Choir | 7:00 Stephen<br>Ministry<br><br>Spayde field trip |        |                     |
| 7  | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12     | 13                  |
| Fifth Sunday of Easter<br>Blessing of the kits<br>Pantry Sunday<br>8:30 &10:45 Worship<br>with Communion,<br>Baptism at 10:45<br>9:30 Mission Sunday<br>11:00 Youth Group<br>leave for Columbus<br>Clippers game at 1:05 | 4:15 Pre-school<br>Bd.                           | 10:00 Women's<br>Bible study<br>3:00 Stewardship<br>5:30 Youth | 9 & 9:20 am<br>Preschool Chapel<br>4:00 Properties<br>6:45 Parish Ed.<br>6:00 Praise Choir<br>6:00 Bell Choir<br><br>7:00 Senior Choir  | 7:00 Pre-K<br>Program                             |        | 8:00 Men of<br>Hope |
| 14   | 15   | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19     | 20                  |
| Sixth Sunday of Easter<br>8:30 Worship and<br>Communion-High<br>School Senior<br>Recognition<br>10:45 Worship<br>9:30 Sunday<br>School/youth choir and<br>bells<br>9:40Confirmation                                      |  | 10:00 Women's<br>Bible study<br>6:00 Worship and<br>Music      | 9 & 9:20 am<br>Preschool Chapel<br>1:30 WELCA Bd.<br>6:00 Praise Choir<br>6:00 Bell Choir<br>7:00Senior Choir   | 12:00 Ascension<br>Day bring lunch                |        |                     |
| 21   | 22   | 23   | 24  | 25  | 26     | 27                  |
| Seventh Sunday of<br>Easter<br>8:30 &10:45 worship<br>with Communion<br>9:30 Sunday<br>School/youth choir and<br>bells<br>9:40 Confirmation  | 7:00 Emmaus                                      | 10:00 Women's<br>Bible study<br>5:00 Finance                   | 9 & 9:20 am<br>Preschool Chapel<br>6:30 Parish Ed<br>6:00 Praise Choir<br>6:00 Bell Choir<br>7:00 Senior Choir  | 5:00 Outreach<br>6:30 Exec comm.<br>7:00 Council  |        | 8:00 Men of<br>Hope |
| 28   | 29   | 30   | 31  |   |        |                     |
| Day of Pentecost<br>8:30 & 10:45 Services<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>9:40 Confirmation   | <b>Office Closed</b>                             | 10:00 Women's<br>Bible study                                   | 9 & 9:20 am<br>Preschool Chapel<br><br>6:00 Praise Choir<br>6:00 Bell Choir<br>7:00 Senior Choir  |   |        |                     |