

# Covenant *Tidings*

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## From the Desk of the Pastor

In this season of Easter, we continue to rejoice in the blessings given to us through our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Although every Sunday can be considered a “little Easter,” there is a special emphasis in this season on the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to His followers and the meaning of Easter for our lives every day. We thank God for the eyewitness accounts of those who saw the Savior risen from the dead. All Scripture points to Jesus the Savior and God’s plan to rescue humanity from sin and everlasting death.

I was reminded recently of how much the Old Testament Scriptures point ahead to the Promised Messiah. Looking at the Old Testament through the lens of the New, calls to mind many details of God’s salvation plan.

For example, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit, God told them that their lives would now be full of much pain and toil. God said to Adam, “Cursed is the ground because of you . . . through painful toil you will eat of it . . . it will produce thorns and thistles for you” (Gen 3:17-18). Jesus, the Promised Savior, took that curse upon Himself and suffered for our sin as a crown of thorns was placed on His head and He died in our place.

In Genesis 3, after Adam and Eve have sinned against God, they hide from God. They sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves because they were naked and ashamed. Eventually, God made garments of animal skin for Adam and his wife. God took care of their sin problem and ours once and for all as Jesus suffered a humiliating death on the cross, most likely naked. Now, because He bore our sin and suffered for our forgiveness, God provides for us a new and better garment. Scripture speaks of being clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 3:15) and being clothed with garments of salvation (Isaiah 61:10).

St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15, “For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive” (15:22). The first Adam brought sin and death into God’s creation. The second Adam, Jesus Christ, brings new and eternal life.

Thank God for His salvation plan for you and me. Easter matters. It makes a difference in our lives. We are forgiven and redeemed through our Risen Lord Jesus. Therefore, sin and death have no hold on us. Many of you know that Sue Bartholomew, wife of Pastor Richard Bartholomew, a former pastor of Covenant, was called to be with the Lord recently. Pastor Bartholomew reposted a message he shared on Facebook nine years ago, “The next time you stand at the grave of a loved one who was just laid to rest and your heart is broken in a million pieces, do not say ‘Good Bye’ for good bye is too final. But say good night and I will see you in the morning when eternity shall dawn at last and we will live with Him forever.”

Yes, Easter matters! Rejoice!

*Pastor Steve Voigt*

# Official Acts

## Funeral

### **June Reinecke**

(June 12, 1936 - February 28, 2023)  
A private service was held at Pinelawn Cemetery on June 3.

### **Susan Bartholomew**

(January 1, 1954 - April 14, 2023)  
Service was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in West Lafayette, IN on April 19.

## Adult Confirmation

April 2, 2023—Alysha Winefeld

## SPECIAL GIFTS

Bethesda .....	\$20
Birthday Fund .....	\$20
Capital Improvement .....	\$50
DCF Grant .....	\$5,455
Helping Hands Food Pantry .....	\$80
Initial Offering .....	\$35
Roof Collection .....	\$810
Portals of Prayer .....	\$20

## MEMORIALS

Susan Bartholomew Memorial—\$25  
June Reinecke Memorial—\$100  
Patricia Stricker Memorial—\$30

## Greeters

### **May 7**

9:00am—Diana Gutknecht & Carrie Fuchsberger  
10:30am—Brian & Kaye Maletzke

### **May 14**

9:00am—Judy Omet  
10:30am—Jim Williams

### **May 21**

9:00am—Keith & Marcia Rosynek  
10:30am—Bob & Dorothy Schultz

### **May 28**

9:30am—Jim Williams

## Ushers

### 9:00

Phil Murphy  
Traci Murphy  
Maria Riley  
Dave Valdes  
Marge Valdes

### 10:30

Karen Winefeld  
Georgia Cucinello  
Steve Dasher  
Alexander Gottsacker

## Altar Guild

Lynda Kopp  
Georgia Cucinello  
Lisa Frederick  
Eloise Humphrey  
Leann Meyer

# Church Info & Staff

## **CHURCH OFFICE PHONE:**

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Alyssa Gottsacker

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# CECC Info

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Mon. - Fri.; 6am - 6pm

**Director:** Joely Douyette

# May 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 3:45pm 8th Confirmation	3 8:30am NW Chapel  <b>Covenant's 74th Anniversary</b>	4 10:00am Bible Study	5 8:00pm AA Mtg.	6
7 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am 5-7th Confirmation 10:30am Worship <b>Fifth Sunday Of Easter</b>	8	9 3:45pm 8th Confirmation	10 8:30am NW Chapel	11 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Mission & Ministry Meeting	12 8:00pm AA Mtg.	13
14 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am 5-7th Confirmation 10:30am Worship w/ Communion <b>Sixth Sunday Of Easter</b>	15	16 3:45pm 8th Confirmation	17 8:30am NW Chapel 8:00pm AA Monthly Mtg.	18 10:00am Bible Study	19 8:00pm AA Mtg.	20
21 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Confirmation w/ Communion <b>Seventh Sunday Of Easter</b>	22	23	24 8:30am NW Chapel	25 10:00am Bible Study	26 8:00pm AA Mtg.	27
28 9:30am Worship w/ Communion  <b>The Day of Pentecost</b>	29 Office Closed  <b>Memorial Day</b>	30	31 8:30am NW Chapel 6:30pm Worship w/ Communion			

# Birthdays

## May 2

Mike Weiss

## May 3

Debbie Braatz

## May 5

Marcia Hottinger

Robert Zickert

## May 6

Alex Gottsacker Jr.

Laura Vogt

Carol Wenzel

## May 7

Herbert Onasch

Carol Prange

## May 8

Dawn Degnan

## May 11

Bryan Meyer

## May 12

Dawn Wangard

## May 13

Tim Wrangell

## May 14

Rev. Steven Voigt

## May 15

Jerry Anson

## May 22

Stephanie Voigt

## May 25

Tiffany Dasher

## May 30

Everett Dassow

Rev. Kermit Ratcliffe

## May 31

Linda Krueger

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 30 - Fifth Sunday Worship
- May 21 - Confirmation
- May 28 - Summer Worship Schedule starts
- June 8 - Northwest Graduation
- June 12-16 - VBS (9am start)
- June 21-25 - Family Camping
- July 6 - Northwest Summer School starts
- July 30 - Fifth Sunday Worship
- August 21 - Northwest First Day of School for 6th to 8th grade
- August 23 - Northwest First Day of School for K4 to 5th grade
- August 25 - Back to School Cookout hosted by Covenant

# Anniversaries

## May 5

Keith & Marcia Rosynek

## May 9

Jack & Grace Brockel

## May 16

Augie & Marcia Hottinger

Brian & Deborah Johnston

## May 17

Ryan & Katie Kerby

## May 23

Bob & Dorothy Schultz

## May 25

Henry & Judy Weiss

## May 27

James & Megan Dills

Dave & Marge Valdes

## May 31

Dan & Jana McDonell





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

# JUNE 12 - 16

# 9 - 11:30 A.M.



**PARENTS!** Add the date to your family calendar today!  
**VOLUNTEERS!** Let's get another astronomical VBS Team!

## 8th Grade Confirmation

Covenant 8th graders,  
Ca'Marion Colson & Collin Kruse,  
are working diligently on their  
confirmation studies.

The Rite of Confirmation  
will take place on  
Sunday, May 21.



## *Mother's Day Roses*

Show your mom or grandmother  
how special she is!

Purchase a long-stem red rose on  
Sunday, May 14, for \$2.

All proceeds benefit  
Wisconsin Right to Life!

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## Worship Schedule

### September to May

Worship Times:

Sunday - 9:00am & 10:30am

Family Education Hour:

Sunday - 9:00am

Communion Service:

1st & 3rd Sunday - 9am

2nd & 4th Sunday - 10:30am

### Summer Schedule

*Memorial Day to Labor Day*

Sunday - 9:30 am

Wednesday - 6:30 pm

