

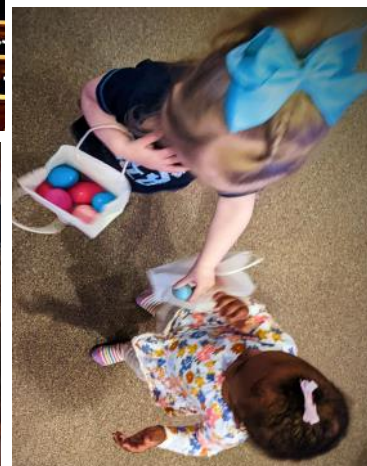
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May 2022
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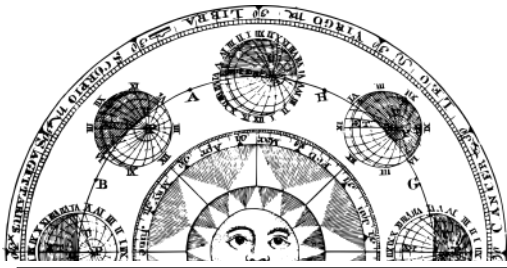
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Worship:  
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Fellowship:  
11:30 A.M.  
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Monday-Friday
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
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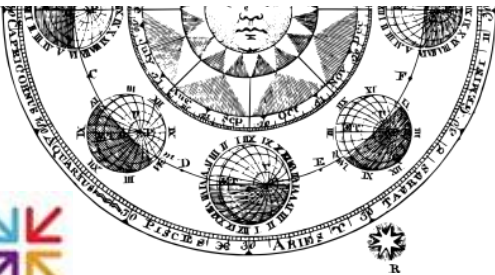






# UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

- May 1 – **Bread for the World** – *We will be writing letters to our elected officials in an offering to expose them to the need to feed the world.*
- May 8 – **Mother’s Day** – *She deserves more than one day – so don’t mess this one up by forgetting it. Plan a head.*
- May 15 – **Christian Education Sunday** – *See what’s new with our Bible Studies.*
- May 15 – **Youth Car Wash** – *After the services cars will be washed for Heifer International.*
- May 22 – **Scripture and Hymns** – *A service focused on the behind the scenes history about our favorite songs and composers.*
- May 29 – **Joint Service** – *10:30 AM Local Presbyterians will gather to worship together @ Trinity, 9600 Saint Joe rd. The theme is Unity in Christ.*
- May 30 – **Memorial Day** – *We remember and honor those who’ve served.*



**Outside of our windows . . .** the world has become verdant. This fact means we will need volunteers for our landscaping needs. That’s one observation. I have a few more.

In past newsletters, Rob would fill up at least a whole page. That’s at least one-eighth of the composition. That’s a hole we now get to fill — hopefully with something of value.

May’s ‘From the Office’ won’t knock anyone’s socks off. I’m aware of it. Still, I thought I’d share several of the physical changes that have been made since I’ve sat in its cockpit: There are now four rescued plants in excellent health. The photocopier got named Lancelot. There is a ceramic Christmas troll on my desk that I’ve failed to return to my house. I’ve brought in a small watercolor that my mother painted of me as a child on my father’s shoulders.

I’m not sure what these things mean. Am I slowly moving in? Am I setting down some roots? Am I using some mundane objects to bring to mind how we interact with the space around us? Am I suggesting that Easter and Spring are a perfect time to look around, observe, and note what God is doing in our lives? No one asked for it, but here’s a gentle thought from your Lutheran office man. Today is a good day to take stock of the new life around us. It’s also a good day to make observations of where God might be using you to enrich the garden He’s placed you in. — Justin



**Pentecost** is the first Sunday of June. That means we are in the season to prepare for the gift of the Holy Spirit . One way we do that is with the annual Pentecost Special Offering. Each year this gift is dedicated to the future of the church — visualized in our children ministries and the young adults amidst us.

- 40% stays with Grace for local ministries to support.
- 25% goes to support Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) around the world.
- 25% Presbyterian Youth (particularly the Triennium.)
- 10% is devoted to at-risk kids.

*Thanks to everyone who has helped these past couple of months.*

- *The Worship Committee - Holly Bouthot, Tom Callahan, Pamela Callahan, Sue Creager, and Jennifer Mahoney. Without your guidance and imagination, our worship services would not have happened.*
- *Cindy Bowers who called many of the names on a list given to us for Pulpit Supply pastors.*
- *Our guest pastors: Rev. Alan Thames, Rev. Deb Mitchell, Assisting Minister Eric Black and Rev. Kevin Boyd.*
- *Rev. Wendy Piano for putting together a beautiful Maundy Thursday service.*
- *Rev. Kate Howard for bringing a Good Friday service to Grace for the 46808 churches.*
- *Our Lay Leaders and Readers for all of our services - Sunday and special - Cathy and Todd German, Tom Monnier, Pamela Callahan, Tyler Bowers, Cindy Bowers, John and Nancy Current, Bill Werling and Holly Bouthot. A special thanks to Jim Wolfe for also giving a message regarding his faith journey on Easter Sunday.*
- *Of course our technology team for keeping everything running.*
- *A couple of other special thanks to Tom Callahan for his diligent work pulling together hymns for services when needed and to Sue Creager for her patience with last minute requests for her playing.*
- *One final and really special thanks to our Office Admin Justin. He has done a wonderful job getting bulletins ready under some very stressful conditions.*

*I am truly grateful for everything that has been done by so many people to keep worship at Grace a meaningful experience.*

*- Jill Werling (Elder, Pulpit Supply Task Force)*

### **Wednesday, August 17—TinCaps Game**

Join Grace's Congregational Life as we take over a concourse suite. The cost is only \$27 and includes tickets and food. The game starts at 6:35 PM. We need to know ASAP if you want to reserve a space. Let Jill, Tammy, or the office know. [GraceOffice@GPCFW.org](mailto:GraceOffice@GPCFW.org).

The event is now open to friends of Grace. Feel free to invite people as we will also be opening this event up to our sister/brother churches.



## Interim Pastor Committee

The committee has appreciated the prayerful support as they have ranked Pastor Information Forms and have begun the interview process. More information will come as it happens.

### May Sessions - 5.22

A quick and gentle reminder, all reports should be sent to the office no later than noon of 5.19. That is the Thursday before the Sunday meeting. Thanks.



## May Birthdays

Alex Bowers — May 1  
Tamara Searer-Jenkins — May 3  
Phyllis Wilkie — May 9  
Dave Zimmerman — May 10  
Henry Bowers — May 11  
Janic Weber — May 20  
Meghan Mahoney — May 26  
Dee Stoiche — May 26  
Erv Bellis — May 28

## May Anniversaries

Douglas & Linda Haller — May 23, 1965  
Todd & Cindy German— May 25, 1986  
Dave & Nan Gilbert — May 30, 1970

## Grace Youth Car Wash

The car wash will be following the service on **May 15th**. There is no charge but a free will offering is encouraged. Money collected will be given in an offering to Heifer International, a non profit focused on improving the lives in underdeveloped portions of the world through animal husbandry.

