

# Light of Christ Lutheran Church




## MAY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday School at 10 am (During school year)**  
**Coffee Hour at 10 am - Services at 11 am**

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Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMTs around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community. Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for Ukraine.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.

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**MEMBERSHIP** – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.



### ONLINE OFFERING now available!



We now offer ONLINE OFFERING on our church website. Just go to [www.locw.org](http://www.locw.org) and look at the bottom of any page. Click the button to securely give to the general fund of Light of Christ. Thank you!

**IT IS IMPORTANT** that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.



### Bible Study

May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - 11:30am to 1:30pm  
Location: Liberty Evangelical Free Church



**Church Breakfast:**  
Saturday, **May 20<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am.

If you have anything for the bulletin or newsletter, you can send it to the following email address:  
kevinbeard@gmail.com.

**WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. GROUP** meets the 1st Wednesday of each month for Bible Study and prayers. Please consider attending! **May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.**



**PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT**

April 23, Sermon Title: Misericordias Domini - Second Sunday after Easter. "I am the Good Shepherd! My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life." John 10:11a,27-28a Very warm meeting with friends, service with Communion, prayer for peace in Ukraine.



Joy 4 Ukraine's mission is to bring the joy of the Gospel into the lives of orphans and children with special needs in Ukraine through compassion, care and community. Joy 4 Ukraine is the ministry of Pastor Scott Yount and his wife Lena in Billa Tserkva, Ukraine.

If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link. <https://SONetwork.org/give/>

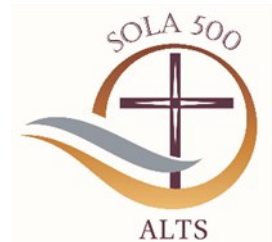


**Campus Life**



Pr. Kevin is volunteering and working with high school students.  
**Middle School** at the Innovation Academy, Mondays - 3:30 to 5:30 pm.  
**High School** "Campus Life" meetings Mondays - 5:30 to 7:30 pm.  
**Open Youth Center:** Fridays 1-5 pm at the Campus Center. Gr. 7-12

**SEMINARY SUPPORT** - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. They have begun a fundraising campaign, **SOLA 500**, to financially support their work of training up future pastors for the AALC. You can support them at [www.alts.edu/sola\\_500](http://www.alts.edu/sola_500)



**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADER BIBLES:** If you know of a child who still needs a youth Bible, please let the pastor know.

**Confirmation**— 3:30pm Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>. It's the last class of the school year!

**LOC COUNCIL MEETING IS ON May 9th.** Light supper followed by our meeting.

MAY 2023 — READINGS				
DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
May 7th	Act 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60	Psa 146	1 Pet 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14th	Act 17:16-31	Psa 66:8-20	1 Pet 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 18th	Act 1:1-11	Psa 47	Eph 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
May 21st	Act 1:12-26	Psa 68:1-10	1 Pet 4:12-19; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 28th	Num 11:24-30	Psa 25:1-15	Act 2:1-21	John 7:37-39



**CHURCH PARAMENT DONATIONS** The council would like to purchase paraments for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern. Please consider donating!

**Cost** for four sets: \$7500.00  
Symbols may vary.

Please write "Parament" in check memo area.

**On MAY 11<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 to 8 pm, parents and their children are invited to come to LOC for supper, a Bible Lesson, and games. Church is where families come to be renewed and inspired in their faith, and Family Nite's are about just that: having fun and learning together! This is our last event for the year.



**Polka Service!**

## SUMMER CAMPS!

Light of Christ has met with the Camp UMM Director.



**July 30<sup>th</sup> to Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**, there are the following...

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders – Day Camp (Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders – "Catch the Wave" Water Fun
  - July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – Shorter
  - July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug 4<sup>th</sup> – Longer
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Graders – "Reality" Course

*More info to come...*

## SUMMER CAMP!

Parents are invited to send their kids to Camp UMM anytime during the summer.

From **July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>** Pastor Kevin will be at the camp every morning to teach and participate in the fun.

Who knows! Perhaps he and his lovely wife will even stay overnight at the camp.

## STEPHEN's MINISTRY!

Pastor and Renee G. have completed the Stephen Ministries Leadership training! What a great time we had! We found the training very informative and are excited for our congregation to be part of this uplifting ministry. Stephen Ministry is a wonderful service for people who are hurting and need someone to talk to and care about them. We are looking forward to begin training volunteers in our church this Fall. Stay tuned!



*The signup sheet is on the bulletin board.*

**YELLOW SERVICE GROUP**  
**(Feb, May, Aug, Nov)**

**Tex Alton**  
**Derek & Erin Bearce**  
**Brian & Misty Beard**  
**Clint Chamberlin**  
**Bob & Dianne Cummings**  
**Seth & Kayla Fenster**  
**Wendy Johnson**  
**Josh & Erin Olson**  
**David & Kim Oyloe**  
**Amber Park**  
**Lois Redka**  
**Rick & Linda Tofte**  
**Garry Tveter**

**Thank you for serving!**

**APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Misty Beard.....April 3rd  
Maverick Quale.....April 4th  
BreeAnn Shanks....April 6th  
Delilah Haugen.....April 8th  
Nick Quale.....April 11th  
Jory Soiseth...April 12th  
Lacy Oyloe.....April 17th  
Dwight Patch.....April 17th  
Tom Hagen.....April 19th  
Ashley Oyloe.....April 24th  
Garry Tveter....April 28th  
Peggy Bearce...May 7th  
Mayo Miller.....May 7th  
Everlee Quale...May 8th  
Brian Beard.....May 12th  
Gary Hansen.....May 23rd  
Bob Cummings....May 29th  
Lois Redka.....May 30th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

David & Kim Oyloe.....April 18th  
Scott & Melissa Heller.....May 16th



# LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

## DEVOTION from LHM.ORG



*1 Peter 2:9 - But you all are ... a royal priesthood ... that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."*

One of the more action-packed nouns in the Latin language is the word, "pontifex." It's a compound noun. The first syllable, "pon," means "bridge." The second half is from the verb, "to make." So, a pon-tifex is a bridge-maker—a bridge-builder. Pontifex is also the Latin word for "priest." And this can help us understand what Peter means when he calls Christians a "priesthood."

When Peter calls the people a community of priests, in some ways he's going back to the beginning, when God created heaven and earth and everything in them. Heaven was God's realm, like a spiritual city that God fills and filled with spiritual beings He created—angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven (see Psalm 148:1-5). God had His city, and He also created an earthly city, a physical realm. From the beginning, God wanted these two cities to be united. So, God created a special creature, made from the dirt of the earth-city, yet filled with God's own Spirit, God's heavenly breath. God made these creatures to be His bridge, to join heaven and earth. As it says in Genesis 1:27a, "God created humankind in His own image."

Now, there's more to the Bible's story about how things went terribly wrong—how there was a rebellion among some of the spiritual beings who led the bridge-builders into a rebellion. And the image of God was lost. But let's pause the story a moment and remember what human beings were created to be. You, whoever you are, you were made to be a

bridge-builder. Consider your eyes: when they contact the eyes of another human being, they have power to build a bridge. And your vocal chords, your mouth, your ears, they're for bridge-building, too. Even a brief exchange of words, a smile without a word, a hand on someone's shoulder can build a bridge. Despite the damage sin has done, we were created to be a community of priests—God's bridge-builders.

But the damage was done. And there's no going back. So, God came down. God's Son became one of us—a heavenly breath-filled, dirt creature—to be what we failed to be. Jesus bore our guilt and stands in our place to restore access to God, to reunite heaven and earth. Born again by faith in Jesus (see 1 Peter 1:3), we become what we were made to be: a bridge connecting people with people and all to God.

Since becoming a pastor, I've continued to serve in the military, in the Air Force Reserves. I'm not a chaplain. I still do my old job in aircraft maintenance. True, it is not the most spiritual-sounding part-time job for a clergyman. It's an earthly calling among salty people with colorful language. In that context, my job is not to preach sermons. And yet, even there I am a priest. The same goes for you, wherever God has stationed you. In those action-packed callings, you can connect with people no one else can reach, because you also were created, saved, and called to be a bridge-builder for Jesus, our King.

This Daily Devotion was written by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour.



**Light of Christ Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**These minutes are abbreviated. If you would like the full minutes, ask a council member.**

The meeting was called to order by President, Dwight Ebel, who also welcomed new council members, Kayla Fenster and Gary Hansen. Pastor Beard opened the meeting with a prayer.

All council members, Dwight Ebel, Rick Tofte, Kim Oyloe, Bev Quale, Matt Haugen, Kayla Fenster & Gary Hansen, were in attendance, as well as Pastor Kevin Beard.

A motion to appoint Matt Haugen to secretary, Bev Quale to vice president and Rick Tofte to treasurer. Moved and Seconded. This will be a 1-year term.

**Pastors report:**

Pastor Kevin really enjoyed the recent Bluegrass service.

Confirmation is going well.

Bible study has stopped for now during lent.

Pastor Kevin is involved with Youth for Christ on Wednesday's, and also goes to a new Youth for Christ in Alexander on Thursday's for lunch at the school.

Pastor Kevin is working on a youth Bible camp for the summer and is thinking of calling Upper Missouri Ministries for use of their facilities. Pastor Kevin would be doing the teaching and would also reach out to Our Redeemers.

**Treasurers report:** Rick went over the financial report. \$249,602.83 in savings/checking.

**Old Business:**

- \$2,000 was budgeted for a new AED. Wendy J. provided a grant application from MVEC.
- Pastor Kevin and Renee Ginther finished Stephen Leader training and now need to talk to/find Stephen Ministers. This training would start in the fall. Pastor Kevin is very excited.
- The annual meeting approved one or all of the Capital Improvement Projects.

Gary stated that he would sweep/stripe the lot when the weather and snow is gone.

**New business:**

- Family night at Light of Christ would be during the months of February, March and April and would be off during the summer.
- Pastor Kevin made a request to the council to purchase new paraments for the altar and both lecterns. Pastor advised that this would take a couple of months due to them being embroidered.
- A motion for the Lenten offerings to go to Youth for Christ.
- A motion was made to increase our current contents insurance from \$86,000 to \$200,000. Increasing our coverage would bring our premium up \$291 annually.
- The current Holy Week schedule was discussed and approved.
- Pastor Kevin will be off April 14th - 16th and that Adam Strunz with Youth for Christ will.
- Kim Oyloe asked to step away from council duties and the council would like to thank Kim for all that she has done for our church, congregation.  
Pastor will reach out to Wendy Johnson to see if she is willing to help fill this position. 1 year term.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Kim and seconded by Gary. Motion passed.



## Bible Trivia & Game page

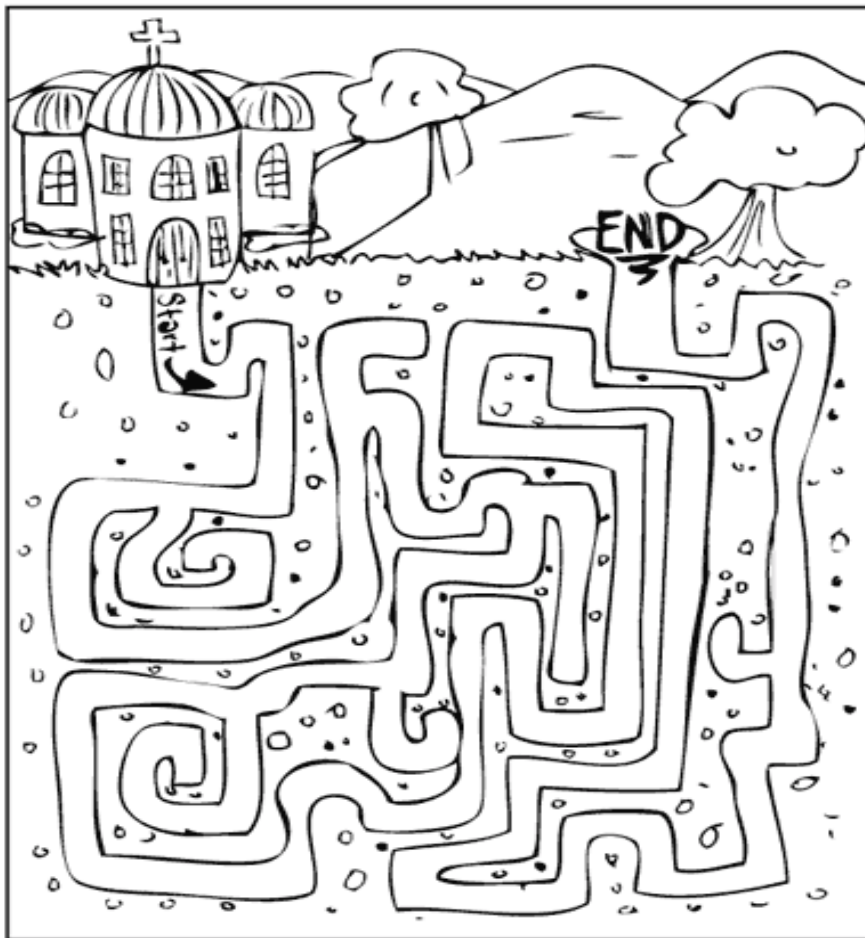
In which books of the Bible is God not mentioned by name?

- Song of Solomon and Esther
- Acts and Galatians
- Acts and Esther
- Song of Solomon and Galatians

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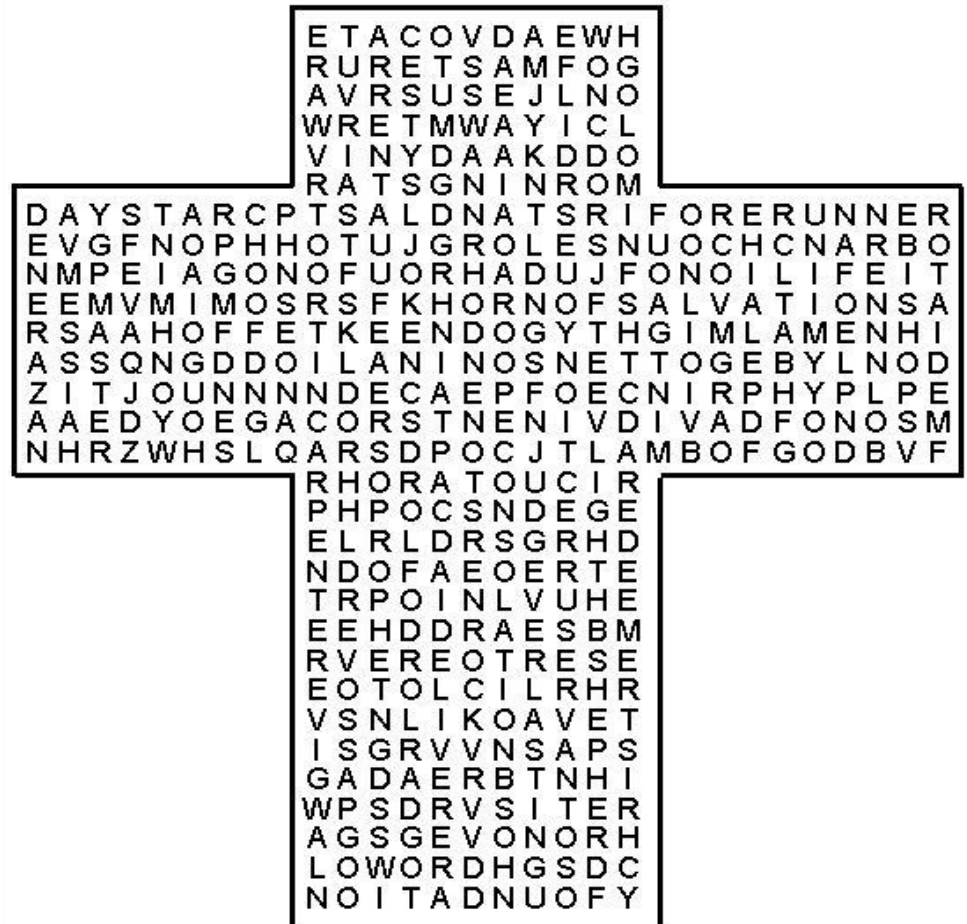
### Church to Freedom Maze

Follow the maze from the church altar underground to freedom.



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## But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate  
Almighty  
Alpha and Omega  
Amen  
Apostle  
Beloved Son  
Bishop  
Branch  
Bread  
Captain  
Carpenter  
Chosen  
Christ  
Consolation  
Cornerstone  
Counselor  
Day Star  
Deliverer

Door  
Emmanuel  
Everlasting  
Faithful and True  
First and Last  
Forerunner  
Foundation  
Governor  
Head  
High Priest  
Holy and Just One  
Horn of Salvation  
I AM  
Jesus  
Judge  
King  
King of Kings  
Lamb of God

Lawgiver  
Life  
Light  
Lion of Judah  
Lord  
Lord of Lords  
Master  
Master  
Mediator  
Messiah  
Mighty God  
Morning Star  
Nazarene  
Only Begotten Son  
Passover  
Priest  
Prince of Peace  
Prophet

Redeemer  
Resurrection  
Rock  
Savior  
Servant  
Shepherd  
Son of David  
Son of God  
Son of Man  
Vine  
Way  
Wonderful  
Word

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# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7pm Women of LIFE meet	4	5	6
7 10am Sunday school. 11am Worship Communion.	8	9	10 3:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm Bible Study	11 6:30pm Family Nite	12	13
14 10am Sunday school. 11am Worship	15	16 5:30pm LOC Council Mtg	17	18	19	20 9am Church Breakfast Fellow- ship Hall
21 10am Sunday school. 11am Worship Communion.	22	23	24 7:00pm Bible Study	25	26 12pm Fellowship	27
28 10:30am Next service group meets. 11am Worship.	29	30	31 NO Bible Study	1	2	Trivia answer  A. Song of Solomon and Esther



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