

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 5, 2024

Sunday, May 5—Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Worship Service (also livestreamed on YouTube)
Coffee Hour

Monday, May 6

9:00am Quickel Quilters – Fellowship Hall
3:00pm Walking Group at Quickel’s Cemetery
7:00pm Faith Formation (Luther Writings) via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157526586?pwd=WktTTzRzQ1dKU0xacmtlc0JQQU1sZz09>
Meeting ID: 821 5752 6586 Passcode: 360135

Tuesday, May 7

6:00pm Staying in Step - Fellowship Hall
6:45pm VBS Crafts/Snacks Meeting

Thursday, May 9

9:00am Prayer Team – Fellowship Hall
10:00am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 10

6:00pm Movie Night – Inside Out; Z & D Fries Food Truck 6pm-8pm

Sunday, May 12—Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00am Worship Service (also livestreamed on YouTube)
Coffee Hour
Campaign for Auxiliary to SpiriTrust – Fellowship Hall
Geranium Delivery

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: 8am-12pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday; 8am-10am & 12pm-2pm
Wednesday

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR MAY 12 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 * Psalm 1 * 1 John 5:9-13 * John 17:6-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 12 are due at 8am, Wednesday, May 8.

QUICKEL’S PRAYER TEAM will meet Thursday, May 9, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Come and help us pray for Quickel’s ministries, members, and the community! All are welcome.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN OF THE AUXILIARY TO SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN Our congregation is currently participating in the Annual Campaign of the Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran. On May 12th and 19th after the worship services we will hold our campaign to collect monies to help provide financial assistance for residents of the Village at Kelly Drive and the Village at Sprenkle Drive. Barbara Maliszewski, Terri Toohill, and Lenora Bear will be in the fellowship hall after worship if you are interested in supporting SpiriTrust.

SEEKING GOD CLASS has changed May’s class date to **Monday, May 13**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study on “Anxious for Nothing” video by Max Lucado.

FUSION WORSHIP SATURDAY, MAY 18 Fusion Worship is in the Fellowship Hall on the third Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.

TIME TO PLANT OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN! All gardeners - we have 4 beds to fill with vegetables so that we can share with our neighbors in need. Please see Cindy Kelbaugh if you are willing to plant

and care for a bed. For those who think that they don't have a green thumb, there are ways that you too can participate. Let's "Make Christ's Love Known"!

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY to Fay Myers and Mary Fetrow, two of our homebound members. If you would like to send them cards, their birthdates and addresses are below:

May 20

Fay Myers
5140 North Sherman Street
Mt. Wolf, PA 17347
Lewisberry, PA 17339-9231

May 28

Mary Fetrow
Country Meadows
1920 Trolley Road, Room 401
York, PA 17408

TIME TO UPDATE OUR DIRECTORY Please contact the church office by telephone or email no later than May 20 if your address, landline or cell phone number, or email address has changed since May 31, 2023. A new directory will be prepared for June 1, 2024. Thank you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held July 29-31, 2024, from 6-8pm. We'll be hosting VBS for kids aged 3 (and potty-trained) through 6th graders. Our theme is *Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God*. "Whenever I am afraid, I put my trust in you," Psalm 56:3.

If you are going to help in any of the following areas, please plan to attend the meeting that matches what you'll be doing. If you cannot make a meeting, please reach out to Shanda Goodwin (717 858 4320).

- **Crafts / Snacks - May 7 at 6:45 pm**
- Teaching - May 28 at 6:45pm
- Games / Science - June 4 at 6:45pm
- Final Meeting (for all) - June 25 at 6:45pm

THE GOALS COMMITTEE met on April 25 and discussed the following:

- **Movie nights:**
 - Second Friday of the month: May 10, June 14, July 12, & August 9.
 - Z & D Fries will be here from 6-8pm. You're welcome to come to the food truck, movie, or both!
 - Please see the sign-up sheet for opportunities to help out at the movie nights.
 - The movie for May 10 is *Inside Out*.
- We are looking for people to help out with advertising for upcoming events at church this summer. Please think about your friends, family, and neighbors and whom you could invite to church!
- If you are interested in sponsoring a 2-sided **VBS yard sign**, the cost is \$15.25. Please contact Viv Miller or Shanda Goodwin if you are interested in a sign for your yard to advertise our VBS.
- Fusion Worship is on the third Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.

WOMEN OF LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS

- May - SpiriTrust membership fundraiser. Geranium delivery May 12
- June 22 - Spring Yard Sale sponsored by the Women of LIFE. Volunteers needed!
- July - Summer Fun at the Dittmans' (date to be determined).
- August 24- Quarterly Business Meeting

Any questions concerning Women of LIFE, contact Barbara Dittman at 610-329-1035 or email at badsad84@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET for May 5, 2024, Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 15:16 – Jesus said, “You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.”

God has chosen us and given us our bodies, our minds and our spirits. As steward/disciples we are entrusted with these gifts (and God’s Holy Word) for a purpose – to bear fruit for a world that needs it.

The Foundation of Stewardship

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it. -Psalm 24:1

The Bible consistently gives us a countercultural and counterintuitive understanding of the world and ourselves. It’s so radical that many of us can’t accept it.

The idea is that the world belongs to God, and so does everything **IN** the world. Even **US!** We, who proudly think of ourselves as autonomous, self-directed and self-made, actually belong to God. In other words, we don’t own ourselves. We are possessions of the Almighty.

Think about that for just a minute. We don’t own the earth, our houses, our cars, our possessions, our animals, our children, or even ourselves. It all belongs to God. We belong to God. We are humble servants, slaves, actually.

The reality that God owns everything, even us, forms the foundation for biblical stewardship. If God owns everything, including us, then we are responsible to God for our wisest and best use of the planet, our possessions, our talents and our lives.

Taking that responsibility seriously, God’s people will prayerfully make choices that are in accordance with God’s wishes. We will care for ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth. We will strive to love the Lord our God with all our being, and our neighbor as ourselves.

Prayerfully consider, how are you doing?

--Rob Blezard

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