

# News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ May 2017

## Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

***"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."***



Alan Freel, Darlene Freel, Gar Nicholls, Bunny Lyon, Judy Kautz, Debbie Anderson,

Marilyn Whitscell, Erv Simi, Jeanette Grove, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead, Gloria

Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Julie Troy, Alice, Brad Grove, Mimi, Dick Sanders, Herb Schiller, Trapp Truman, Kevin Salesman, Jeff Lee, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Eric Carlson, Martin Suszek, Larry Beaudoin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, and Richard G.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).



## Parking at Grace in May

Parking at Grace continues to be interesting as Third Avenue from Washington to Lewis is being rebuilt. I am asking all that are able to walk a little bit, to park further from the church. Even if you arrive early and find spaces on Dunbar or in the parking lot, would you leave those spaces for any guests or those who might find distance difficult. A bit of hospitality for each other and the stranger in our midst.

Thank you,  
Pastor Tom



**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

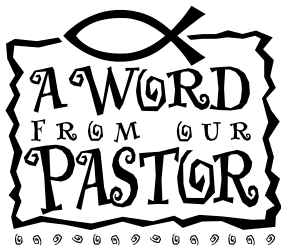
Our last day for Sunday School, until Fall, will be May 7.

## The Sixth Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner

Thank you to all who helped in making the Celebrating and Sharing Community Dinner a success! It is always amazing how volunteers give of their time and efforts, along with those who attend who enjoy the fellowship, food and bidding. Jon Benson and his crew surely put on a wonderful meal and we are so blessed. The benefits of this event are countless and we want to thank everyone who participated! More details to follow.

A special thank you from the Auction Committee for the many wonderful donations received for the Chinese raffle and silent auction. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and truly helped make this a successful event!





This is a big pain. *(Or words to that effect!!!)*

That came to mind a couple of times recently. When our phone and internet service was cut. And as we live with the Third Avenue reconstruction project.

At least for the phone and internet service, it was restored in only a few days. You can function, if not as you are used to or wish. And as for Third Avenue, well it has been a bit inconvenient (but not as much as those living on those 2 blocks of Third).

Both were or are going to be relatively short in the scheme of things, even in just the scheme of this year.

We need to be getting on with getting on. We need to look at the big picture, keeping in mind where we are going. That keeps in perspective the little things of the day to day or the week to week or even the month to month.

I often think about God and God's plan. And how long God has been waiting to see what God wants for humankind and creation. I am more than glad that God can bear with a bit of this is a big pain.

As I work on some of the projects I am involved with, can we have a long enough view to be part of the solution without knowing what the ultimate solution will be, let alone seeing the change completely implemented and living in it? Or have we come to see immediate solutions as the norm and only thing worthwhile, not even bothering with something that goes beyond us and our time?

There are many ways that Christians do see beyond ourselves. We see it in life eternal, without knowing or even being able to truly envision what that means. We make our best imaginings with the answer to come, always trusting in God. We do it in the promises that the Kingdom of God has come near and is at hand. And want to believe that and live that with all our hearts, yet we can not quite comprehend how that would be.

Ultimately I think we are people of the future. Not just the distant future of life eternal. Rather also of the future just around the corner. After we get beyond this big pain. And the next big pain. And maybe a few after that. Each big thing, and each little one, gives us the chance to grow toward that future. We live them in God's promises to us and for us. In God's gifts to us and for all the world.

May we each not be put off by pains of the moment, or of not seeing God's end to Kingdom building. Rather may we sense God at work and knowing and trusting God's work is happening.

Thanks be to God

*Pastor Tom*

## GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

<b>CHURCH OFFICE</b>	.....	354-2640
Rev. Tom Orth.....	Home.....	356-8729
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Office Manager.....	Peggy Tomaszewski.....	255-8850
Music Director .....	Berniece Lyon.....	464-7064

### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President.....	Tom Lappan.....	356-3718
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Exec. Secretary .....	Sandy Malaski.....	356-6248
Treasurer .....	Don Barnard .....	340-1055

### WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL

Education.....	Elsa Phillips .....	884-1809
Worship .....	Sharon Engstrom .....	354-5133
Discipleship .....	Joelyn Rich .....	340-0592
Property .....	Jeff Welch.....	595-2195
Fellowship.....	Jeanne Pankey .....	354-2416
.....	Pat Schultz .....	356-2781
Finance.....	Dennis Werblow.....	354-5560

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Stewardship... ..	Wayne Christopherson....	356-0430
Youth Director .....	Vicki Denstaedt .....	916-9258
WELCA .....	Darleen Freel.....	354-8866
.....	Dorothy Hansen.....	354-3563
Samaritas.....	Kay Grove .....	727-2054
Quilters.....	Caroline Weise.....	354-8060
.....	Dorothy Hansen.....	354-3563
LARCC .....	Eleanor Coddington.....	354-8766
.....	Sandy Welch.....	916-5006

# Exploring Lutheranism & Grace Lutheran For New Members and "Old" (yet young at heart) Members

Interested in learning more about Lutheran tradition and Grace Lutheran in particular? Join us on two Thursday evenings, May 18 and 25 at 6:30 p.m. The evenings are geared toward people considering joining Grace. Yet everyone is invited to learn more about Lutheran history in this the year of the 500<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Reformation.

See Pastor Tom for more info.

## Spring Clean-Up

May 6, 2017

9 a.m. to Noonish

(Church will be open at 8 a.m.  
for those who can begin earlier)



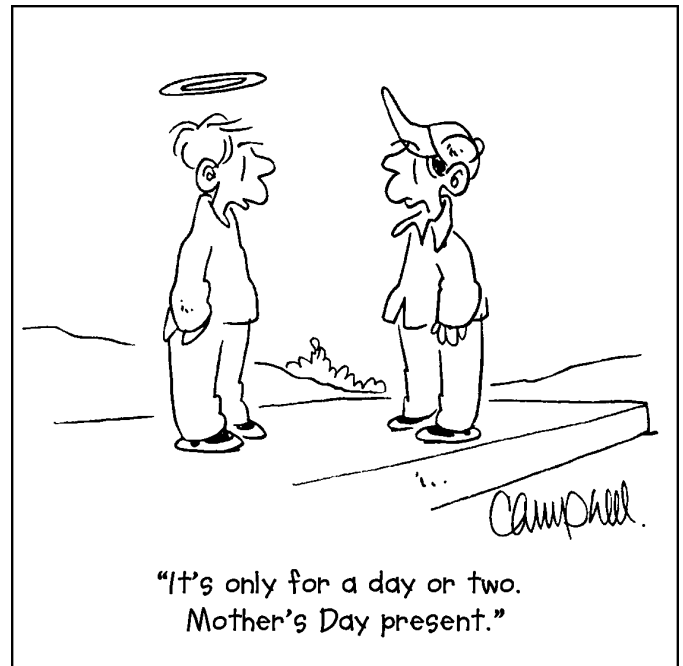
- Interior cleaning as usual (rain or shine).
- Garden(s) clean up and raking.
- Parking lot fence repair.
- Clean up behind the parish education building. The side facing the neighbors behind our church.

--No driveway brick work this year.--

We need as many hands as possible.  
Many hands make light work!

## Worship Work Group Survey

Time and Talent survey sheets are included in this newsletter and available on the information table in the Narthex. Please fill one out if you are willing to help in any of the areas. (Training will be provided.) ***Please note that only those completing a survey will be included on the new schedules, so if you are willing to help in any of the areas listed, please complete the form to help us with scheduling.*** Be sure to check any areas in which you are already involved along with any new areas in which you are willing to serve. Surveys may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Engstrom or the church office.



## Graduating?

Are you, or is someone you know, graduating? Please drop the information off at the church office (or email the office at [officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org)) including the name, graduation date, institution of learning, and future plans of the graduate. We would like to publish this information in our June newsletter.



Thank you so much for your support, care and kindness and your cards, thoughts and prayers during this time of my surgery and recovery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Elsa Phillips

# Outreach and Mission - Local

## Discipleship



### Items Needed:

- \* Tuna & Tuna Helper
- \* Peanut Butter & Jelly
- \* Pancake Mix & Syrup  
(Just add water kind)
- \* Elbow Macaroni

The collection basket is located outside the church office. All items collected will be donated to Trinity Episcopal's food pantry.

### Walk Me Home Event

**Saturday, June 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the Duck Park**

We will again need workers and walkers/runners. This year we will have a prize also for the funniest hat worn. Mark your calendars for June 10th!!!

See the full page insert in this newsletter for more information.

## Loving Care Members

Please continue to remember our Loving Care Members with a call, visit or card!!! Thanks to all who participated in the Flurry of Cards for Easter.



**Samaritas project for April - June.** The Samaritas large wicker basket is by the door in the Narthex. We are collecting underwear and socks for 2 year olds through age 13. **This project is for the Foster Children of Samaritas.**

**Bread Weekend returns the weekend of May 20-21.** All members are encouraged to bake and buy bread. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

**Noisy Offering continues to be the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of the month.** One of our projects we support with this money is our World Vision sponsored child, Ishimwe.

## April 2017

### Finances

GENERAL FUND .....	\$ 18,733.50
BUILDING FUND .....	1,488.67
CHRISTIAN GROWTH .....	13.00
OTHER .....	3,903.46
TOTAL .....	\$ 24,138.63

### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) .....	141
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) .....	320
EASTER SATURDAY .....	40
EASTER SUNDAY .....	136
TOTAL .....	637





**Saturday, June 10th - 9 a.m.**

**Duck Park., Chisholm and Long Rapids Rd., Alpena,**

## **4th Annual 5K Walk/Run**

1st, 2nd & 3rd place medals male & female for each group

- ♦ 12 and under
- ♦ 13-19
- ♦ 20-39
- ♦ 40+

Prizes for First & Second place overall  
winner for Walkers and Runners

**Walk Me Home** is about raising awareness of the needs of foster children in Northeast Michigan. Walk Me Home Northeast Michigan will raise funds to support the life changing programs and activities for foster children provided by

**Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan.**

**To register or donate to this walk, go to the  
Walk Me Home site at:**

**[www.firstgiving.com/walkmehome/nemichigan2017](http://www.firstgiving.com/walkmehome/nemichigan2017)**

**where you can create a team of family members, classmates,  
friends, or business associates, join a team or donate.**

**Walk Me Home  
Northeast Michigan  
Partner**

***Grace Lutheran Church***

**119 W. Dunbar Street Alpena, MI 49707**

**Call Child & Family Services NEMI 989-356-4567 for more information**

We are looking for workers and for people to sign up and walk/run!!!  
Sign up sheets for workers and walkers/runners are available in the Narthex.





**BUILDING**  
peace · tolerance ·  
*Community*



♥ FREE EVENT

♥ FOOD, BEVERAGES for purchase

- MUSIC
- POETRY
- SPEAKERS
- ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND THE YOUNG AT HEART.....

**PLACE :** 124 FLETCHER STREET

**DATE :** JUNE 3, 2017

**TIME :** 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

for more information

**989-464-6211 OR 989-255-9541**



## **“An Evening of Story & Song”**

Friday, May 19, at 7:30 pm @  
First Congregational UCC in Alpena



**Toby Jones**, the minister of the U.C.C. church in Gaylord, shown here with his guitar near his home in Harbor Springs, together with his talented keyboardist **Rokko** & bass-guitarist **Joanna**, will present a **concert**, open to the public at no cost on **Friday, May 19** from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the First Congregational U.C.C. (201 S. Second Ave., Alpena, MI 49707).

They will tell stories related to the songs they perform such as by: the Beatles, James Taylor, Jackson Browne, Bob Dylan, Don Henley, Dan Fogelberg, and Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young.

***Plan to attend and please invite your friends and neighbors.***

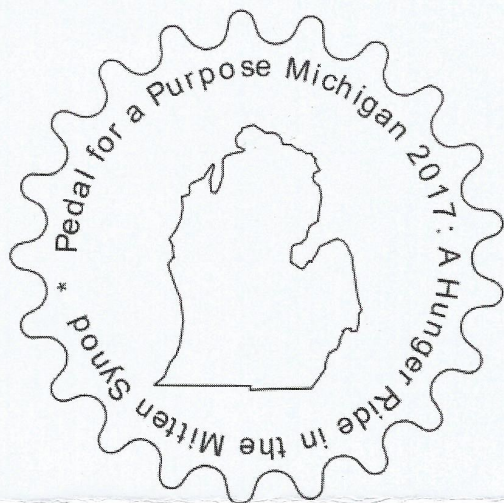
**Toby Jones**, a minister by day and a rock-n-roller by night, wrote the book **“The Gospel According to Rock”** in 2007. Not only is Toby Jones a Princeton-trained theologian, but he’s also been performing rock music professionally for over 30 years. Toby is uniquely qualified to explore popular secular rock’s surprising connections with the Christian gospel.

Toby Jones will also lead a Saturday morning seminar on May 20 (9:00 am to Noon): **“Challenges Facing Christian Churches Today”** The first 90 minutes will focus on *“Understanding **Islam** in Relation to Christianity”* followed by 90 minutes about *becoming a “spiritual movement”* based on Brian D. McLaren’s book “The Great Spiritual Migration.” Register at (989) 356-1795.

You may also enjoy reading Toby Jones’s (2010) book: **“The Way of Jesus: Re-forming Spiritual Communities in a Post-Church Age.”**

The public is invited. There is no charge to attend either event.  
Costs are underwritten by a grant from the Comstock Fund of the First Congregational UCC of Alpena.





## **Pedal for a Purpose Michigan 2017**

### **A Hunger Ride in the Mitten Synod**

**You are invited to ride and  
support**

**Pedal for a Purpose Michigan 2017** is a 4-day bicycling tour to deepen awareness of World Hunger, challenge giving to ELCA World Hunger, and enhance physical fitness. The ride will begin and end at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant and will visit 10 churches in the Bay Conference.

May 18—Mt. Pleasant to Gladwin to Rhodes

May 19—Rhodes to Bay City to Vassar

May 20—Vassar to Bridgeport to Saginaw to Freeland to Midland

May 21—Midland to Mt. Pleasant, ending at the Synod Assembly

May 21—Pedal for a Purpose Fitness Ride (7 miles)

A small group of riders will be riding the entire route (about 225 miles) and other riders may join for a day or just a few hours. Cyclists of all abilities are welcome. **A 7-mile Fitness Ride** will ride from the Comfort Inn to Immanuel Lutheran and ride back with the Tour Riders.

To register or for more information, contact Rev. Erick Johnson:  
[erickj74@gmail.com](mailto:erickj74@gmail.com), (517-474-1877)

Contributions are welcome:

Online: [ELCA.org/TeamELCA](http://ELCA.org/TeamELCA) (Find "Pedal for a Purpose Michigan") or make checks payable to "ELCA World Hunger," and mail to Linn Kracht, c/o St. Peter Lutheran Church, 1079 Riverside Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49015.

## Alpena Community Ecumenical Vacation Bible School (ACE VBS)

First United Methodist

First Congregational

First Presbyterian

Grace Lutheran

St Paul Lutheran

Trinity Episcopal

is hosting...

# **“Branching Out: Connecting Through Christ” VBS DAY CAMP**

**July 10-14, 2017**

**Each day from 9 AM to 3 PM**

at:

**First United Methodist Church**

167 S. Ripley Blvd, Alpena

989-354-2490

*This is a free event for children Ages 5-12.*

*Lunch and snacks will be provided.*

*Activities include Bible Adventures,  
Arts & Crafts, Nature Activities, & Games!*

Registrations can be mailed/dropped off at

**First United Methodist Church**

Go to [www.alpenafumc.org](http://www.alpenafumc.org) to print registration.



# ACE- VBS Day Camp Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation (church & city) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent location while child is at camp (work, home, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of special friend your child would like to be with: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of persons other than parents to whom child may be released.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of individuals child CANNOT be released to.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Permission to Photograph/Videotape- Release to Utilize

We grant permission for any photographs or videotapes of our child as he/she is involved in VBS activities during the week of July 10-14, 2017, to be used in "telling the story" of **ACE- VBS**, in participating church web-sites, newsletters and other media releases.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian signature

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED.**

Allergies (food, medications or other include insect stings, hay fever, asthma):

Other medical conditions (behavioral, emotional or mental health problems):



Emergency contact person if unable to contact parents:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Any activity restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Any recent illness, injury, or infectious disease? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier/Plan name & Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Has participant had the necessary immunizations to attend school? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

Medications to be given while at camp:

<u>Medication</u>	<u>Dose</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Reason for taking medication</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

All medications must be in original containers with participant name on label.

**THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ATTENDANCE.**

This health history is correct and complete as far as I know. \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted. The Church leader has permission to provide routine health care & administer prescribed medications. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the Church leader to seek emergency medical treatment. I give permission to the physician selected by the Church leader, to secure and administer treatment for the person named above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Signature**

## Worship Services at Grace 2017

Please check the following activities you are willing to participate in at Grace Lutheran Church including any in which you already participate:

Lector (reading the lessons)	_____	Counter	_____
Altar Guild (set up and clean up for communion)	_____	Participate on a work group	_____
Communion Assistant (during communion)	_____	Indicate group	_____
Usher (at worship services)	_____	*****	
Greeter (prior to worship services)	_____	Name	_____
Coffee Hour (prepare & clean up)	_____	Address	_____
Choir Member	_____	Phone	_____
Acolyte	_____	Email	_____
Bell Choir	_____	<b>If you will be away for an extended period of time during the year, please list dates:</b> _____	
		*****	
		Such service is a blessing to others and those that serve find they are blessed in doing so. A BIG THANK YOU!	

*Please return completed forms to the church office or place in the offering plate during worship.*

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Altar Guild (set up and clean up for communion)	_____	Participate on a work group	_____
Communion Assistant (during communion)	_____	Indicate group	_____
Usher (at worship services)	_____	*****	
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# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## MAY 2017

### ACOLYTES

07  
14  
21  
28

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

07 CHERYL WERBLOW  
14 CORINNE FRALEY  
21 SHARON ENGSTROM  
28 RUBY HASKE

### USHERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
JOEL & CORINNE FRALEY  
CORKY GATES  
PHRAN LUDINGTON  
NIC TIMMRECK

### GREETERS

07 JACK & PATTI TUCKER  
14 JEFF & SANDY WELCH  
21 DENNIS & CHERYL WERBLOW  
28 PHIL & PAM AGIUS FAMILY

### COUNTERS

DALE & PAT SCHULTZ

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT  
KAREN SLAGHT

### ALTAR GUILD

PAT SCHULTZ  
VERNA FURZE  
TAMMY FURZE

### FLOWERS

07 BARNARD  
14  
21 J. GOHLKE  
28 LAPPAN

### COFFEE HOUR

07 RUBY & OLIVIA HASKE  
14 JOE & DAWN GENTRY  
21 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
28 DON & VERNIA FURZE, TAMMY FURZE

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to switch with if you are unable to fulfill your Sunday  
scheduled duty AND share the change with Peggy. Thank you!***

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## JUNE 2017

### ACOLYTES

04  
11  
18  
25

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

04 ASHLEY TIMMRECK  
11 SANDY WELCH  
18 BEVERLY ATTWELL  
25 PATTI TUCKER

### USHERS

DALE SCHULTZ CHARLES SNYDER  
STEVE GARANT LINDA BATCHELOR  
VICKI, TREVOR, ISABELLE, MIRIAM DENSTAEDT

### GREETERS

04 DUSTIN & ANGIE CRITTENDEN FAMILY  
11 BARB WERLE, ELLIE WALKER  
18 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
25 POLLY COOK, TAMMY FURZE

### COUNTERS

CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
MARGE WEBER

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOELYN RICH  
BEVERLY ATTWELL

### ALTAR GUILD

JOANNE NICHOLLS  
KATHY PIONTKOWSKI

### FLOWERS

04  
11  
18 FURZE  
25 LAPPAN

### COFFEE HOUR

04 TUFFY & BONNIE CROSS  
11 VICKI, ISABELLE & MIRIAM DENSTAEDT  
18 CORKY GATES, PATTI MAC NEILL,  
PHRAN LUDINGTON  
25 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM

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## Anniversaries of Baptism



### May 1

Ashley Brodziak

### May 2

Alec Schaefer

### May 4

Gordon Hansen

### May 5

Kody Bertrand

### May 6

Michael Lang

### May 7

Jeanne Pankey  
Ella Sandula  
Kady Sandula

### May 9

Sheri Smith

### May 10

Taylor Denstaedt  
Trevor Denstaedt

### May 11

Christopher Piontkowski  
Stacey Piontkowski

### May 12

Marjorie Weber

### May 13

Joshua Engstrom

### May 14

Derek Hibner  
Jorden Seck  
Logan Suszek

### May 17

Wesley Garant  
Hannah Kamyszek  
Hope Kamyszek  
Savannah Kamyszek  
Kathryn Reynolds

### May 25

Lori Graham

### May 27

Erica Wilson

### May 28

Darlene Dekett

### May 29

Jeffrey Welch

### May 30

Terry Bertrand

### May 1

Linda Batchelor  
Lorraine Leathead  
Ethan McIntosh  
James (J.J.) Timrick

### May 2

Grace Kuligowski  
Scott Lancaster  
Harper Suszek

### May 3

Chad Lewis  
Beth Matzke  
Craig Weise

### May 4

Thomas (T.J.) Lappan  
Mya Styra

### May 6

Dawn Anderson  
Bunny Lyon  
Olivia Viegeln

### May 7

Dorothy Gentry  
Robert Lang  
Kimberly Poirier

### May 8

Matthew Anderson

### May 10

Julie Townsend

### May 11

Michele Amelotte

### May 12

Rachel Chroninger  
Taylor Chroninger  
Peggy Tomaszewski

### May 15

Laurie Hansen  
Alena Poirier

### May 17

Audrey Garant

### May 18

Jacob Gapske  
Karen Suszek

### May 19

Michael McCourt  
Rebecca Trelfa  
Brett Werblow

### May 22

Pamela Kirchoff  
Roger Pankey  
Barbara Szczesniak

### May 23

Scott Coddington

### May 24

Betty Bedford  
Joanne Kindt

### May 25

Polly Cook

### May 26

Darlene Dekett  
Stacey Townsend

### May 29

Miriam Denstaedt

### May 30

Gary Graham



## Wedding Anniversaries

3rd Jeff & Sandy Welch

8th Jon & Mari Crow

10th Bob & Rosa Greene

17th Paul & Vicki Denstaedt

22nd Gordon & Dorothy Hansen

30th Eric & Emma Barber

# Kid's Page



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

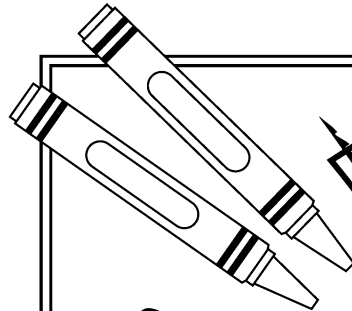
## What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



## What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.

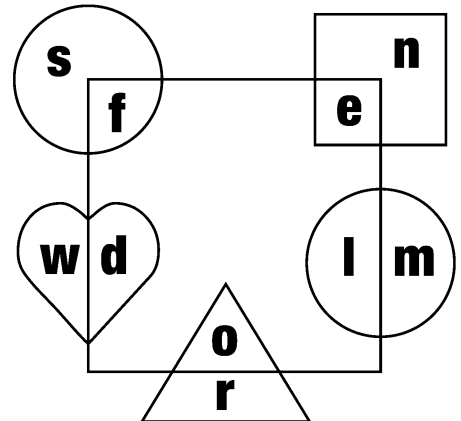


## GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

### Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild

grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even

in all his splendor was

like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV