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# May 2024

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## Pastor's Report

### Surrendering to the Holy Spirit



Have you ever been on a roller coaster and wondered who was in control? The answer is always the same—not you! There’s something terrifying about not having control. What about the control of our life? In one sense, we have no control over the temptations that suddenly appear or the troubles that unexpectedly come our way. In another sense, we do have control of the fact that we can avoid what we know that might trip us up, and we also have the power of the Holy Spirit living in us.

It is clear from words of Jesus himself (John: 15:26-27) that God promises to give the Holy Spirit to people. What the spirit will do when he comes is anybody’s guess. The Holy Spirit resides within us in power and wants to flow out through us to others. We don’t need to strain; we just need to **surrender**. Our focus needs to be to turn our attention to the person of the Spirit who already resides fully within us. We cannot attain the presence of God because we’re already totally in the presence of God. What’s absent is **awareness**. Little do we realize that God is maintaining us in existence with every breath we take. As we take another breath it means that God is choosing us now and now and now.” Jesus said, “Remain in me, and I will remain in you.” (John 15:4) We need to still our hearts, quiet our minds, relax our bodies, and turn our spirit towards the wonderful Holy Spirit who lives within us..... and surrender.

I have yet to meet someone who does not want more of the Holy Spirit in their life. How about you? What if in surrendering you are transformed?

Prayerfully,

*Pastor Bob*

Pastor Bob



Get ready for another rummage sale!!

May 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) from 8:00am to 6:00pm,  
May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (Fri & Sat) from 8:00 am to 1:00pm  
in our fellowship hall.

All proceeds will go towards the ELCA youth gathering trip.

**Helpers will be needed to set up/price items  
as well as to be here on the days of the sale.**

**Look for a sign-up sheet on the welcome center counter if you can help!**

**We will be collecting the items you would like to donate for us to sell  
during a couple different dates/times the beginning of May...**

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 5:00-7:00 pm**

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00-11:00 am**

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> Noon-2:00 pm**

**(Please bring your items to the far side of the playground. We will unload your car  
to bring in those doors at that end of the church to store in our confirmation room).**

Thank you for keeping this in mind as you are doing your spring cleaning.

Please note however, we will not be accepting furniture or appliances that require  
more than one person to carry, televisions, computers or adult clothing.

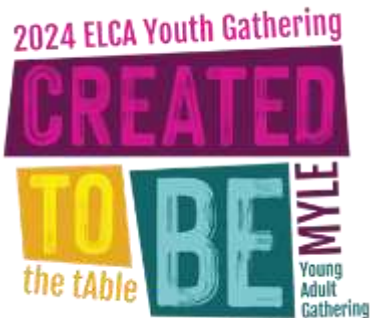
Anything that does not sell will be boxed up and donated to the Hartville Thrift Shop  
and any leftover books will be shared with the Friends of the Library for their book sale.

(Nothing will be saved here at the church or given back once the rummage sale is over).

Thanks in advance for your support!



News & Notes



Everyone signed up to go to the ELCA youth gathering to New Orleans this July, please plan to meet in the confirmation room on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. We will talk about upcoming fundraisers, new updates and discuss the next gathering topic.



Come join us in the church's library on Monday mornings at 10:30 am.

We are using Adam Hamilton's material on "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith" during the month of May.

*(Please note: there will not be Bible Study on Memorial Day 5/27)*



Outreach will be collecting bubbles, sidewalk chalk, sunscreen lotion, cereal and/or \$25 grocery giftcards until 5/5.

(Look for a collection box in the church's coatroom).

The donations will be shared with students at Lake Local Schools as a summer send off treat for those that could use assistance.

***Thanks you for your donations!***



### **Young adults...**

Our next opportunity to serve at FISH will be May 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-7:30 pm. with dinner to follow!

We will be go to Carlos after we are done at the FISH pantry. Hope to see you there!



Mark your calendars, the next opportunity to serve at the FISH food pantry is...

Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>  
5:15-7:30 pm  
(6-8 helpers needed)

Please email Becky if you are able to help at [BPopio@adventuniontown.org](mailto:BPopio@adventuniontown.org) or sign up on the volunteer sheet found on the welcome center counter.

### **FISH Food Pantry Needs**

The FISH cupboard is low on many items. Please consider donating one of the following items in May:

- Peanut Butter
- Tissues



### Attention 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders!

During Sunday school on **May 12<sup>th</sup>**, you are invited to go on a “field trip” to McDonalds for breakfast!

Two of the Sunday school teachers will be taking the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school classes from **10:15-11:15 am**.

Please bring money for your breakfast and a signed permission slip. (These will be emailed to the parents as time gets closer or see Becky for a permission slip if you forget to bring it that morning).



Thank you to Paul Joestlein for being Advent's contact person for this summer's Habitat for Humanity house builds.

Shown below is the information about Advent's volunteer schedule assigned to us for dates in June and August. (We are still waiting to receive the house numbers for the builds in Massillon. More information will be shared as we receive it). Lunches will need to be provided for 2 of our 3 volunteer dates. Please look for a sign-up sheet on the welcome center counter if you are available to help build or provide lunches. If you have any questions, please email Paul at [pjoestlein@gmail.com](mailto:pjoestlein@gmail.com).

#### DAY ONE

1. Date: Saturday, June 1
2. Time: 8:00am-10:30am
3. Location: Site C
4. Task: Tar and Brace
5. Number of Volunteers: 5
6. Minimum Age: 18
7. \*Lunch: no lunch needed

#### DAY TWO

1. Date: Saturday, June 29
2. Time: 8:00am-12:00pm
3. Location: Site C
4. Task: Blueboard
5. Number of Volunteers: 9
6. Minimum Age: 18
7. \*Lunch: Deliver 12 lunches between 11:15am-11:45am

#### DAY THREE

1. Date: Friday, August 2
2. Time: 8:00am-12:00pm
3. Location: Site D
4. Task: Drywall
5. Number of Volunteers: 8
6. Minimum Age: 18
7. \*Lunch: Deliver 11 lunches between 11:15am-11:45am

**Did you know that Advent's Endowment Fund Team has set aside the financial resources to provide camperships for individuals or families of the congregation?**



Lutheran Outdoor Ministries provide places to engage people of all ages with the beauty of God's creation and programs that enrich faith formation. These camping and retreat opportunities allow space and time for deeper reflection on relationships and promote unique leadership skills in young adults. Our church camps and retreat centers are a gift to the ministry of the ELCA and vitally important in the development of faith and care for creation.

Outdoor ministries offer a wide variety of programs that provide growth experiences for people of all ages. For many, outdoor ministry is a life-changing experience. In partnership with congregations, outdoor ministries strive to strengthen, support and lift up the body of Christ by encouraging spiritual growth in outdoor settings. Summer and year round camps and retreats are available.



**HopeWood**  
Outdoors

The Ohio Lutheran Outdoor Ministry camps homepage can be found at <https://hopewoodoutdoors.org/>

Camp prices vary; a few examples are listed below.

Trailblazers Youth Summer Camp Cost Range \$138 – \$690

Family Camp Weekend Cost Range \$124 - \$210

Grandparents & Kids Summer Camp Cost Range \$120 – \$465

Remember, camp Scholarship are available from the Endowment Fund Team. Call or email Pastor Bob at [Pastorbob@adventuniontown.org](mailto:Pastorbob@adventuniontown.org) for details.

**How Will You Spend Your Summer?**

Get ready to “DIVE” into God’s word with us this summer!



Mark your calendars now...  
The countdown to VBS has begun!  
Plan to be a part of this summer’s underwater adventure  
at Vacation Bible School on

**July 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am – Noon**

**Pre-registration will begin on Sunday, May 19th!**

Children in pre-school thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to be a part of this exciting week by filling out a form found on the counter at the welcome center or by registering online ([adventuniontown.org](http://adventuniontown.org)).  
Anyone in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older may also sign-up to be a crew leader.



Come explore with us as we immerse ourselves in God’s love!



### Adult Volunteers Needed...

come help us make this year's vbs week go "swimmingly"!

In order to do so, we could certainly use your help!

If you are available for the entire week or just for a few days,  
we would love to have you come join us!

Look for the sign-up sheet on the counter at the welcome center  
to let us know which days you can help and  
what your t-shirt size is for your free t-shirt!

Also mark your calendars for

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> for a special luncheon,**

set up in the Sunday school opening room for,

**ALL volunteers and crew leaders**

(right after the contemporary service)

Please plan to attend this informative meeting/luncheon!

The **VBS kick-off party** will be during our last  
Sunday school class of this school year...

**May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-11:15am**

Join us in the Sunday school opening room!

*Note: Our next VBS "Workshop" night is planned for  
**Sunday, May 19th from 6:30-8:30pm.***

*We will gather in the fellowship hall to paint and create scenery and props  
needed for vbs week.*



## LWR Kits

Thank you to everyone that turned in supplies for the LWR care kits during Lent! Thanks to your generosity, we collected supplies for 243 kits!!! Thank you to those who stayed after church to organize the supplies, count and box up the kits to be ready to send. May they be a blessing to those who receive them!





Celebrations & Thanks



May Birthdays

- 01 Geoffrey Tettelbach
- 02 Haylie Senn, Molly Senn
- 03 Jessica Kincaid, Meesha Lukes
- 04 Macoy Gullace, Eric Smith
- 08 Lynn Brant, Matthew Fellows,  
Kelvin Millard
- 13 Susan Pearch
- 17 Steve Brooks
- 19 Brent Stephenson, Linda Yoder
- 21 Art Hensler
- 23 Doug Moseley
- 24 Drew Farida
- 25 Ava Royer
- 27 Terry Williams
- 29 Lauren Brooks, Gerald Schmelzer
- 30 Nancy Roberts
- 31 Paulette Beachy



May Anniversaries

- 07 Scot & Angie Nabors
- 13 Jim & Becky Popio
- 15 Mike & Marcia Miller
- 16 Geoffrey & Judy Tettelbach
- 17 Terry & Judy Allison
- 19 Mike & Stacy Batchik
- 21 Gary & Suzanne Holmes
- 30 Paul & Lisa Joestlein

**Confirmation Sunday**  
**is May 5th**



Congratulations to our  
confirmands this year...

Dominic Farcas  
Trevor Florida

Thank You Note

A special "Thank You" to our youth that  
participated in the Way of the Cross  
Service on Good Friday!

Lauren Brooks  
Aiden Maier  
Haylie Senn  
Molly Senn  
Joseph Smerglia



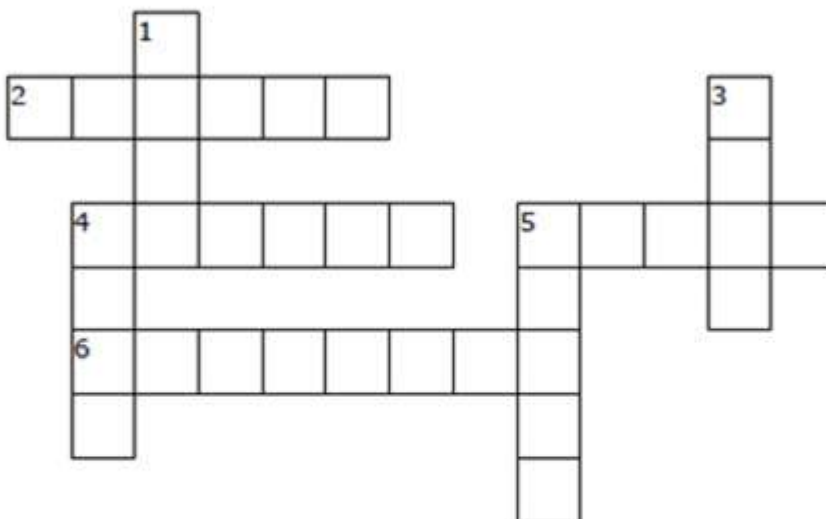


# Kid's Page

## The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



### ACROSS

- 2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
- 4. The place where God lives
- 5. Something that can be heard
- 6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

### DOWN

- 1. A destructive burning
- 3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
- 4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
- 5. To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE	FIRE	HOLY	WIND
SPIRIT	HEAVEN	SOUND	SPEAK

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 All Daughters Brunch 10:30 am
5 Confirmation Sunday +	6 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	7 Council 7:00 pm	8	9	10	11
12 	13 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	14	15	16 Rummage 8:00 am - 6:00 pm	17 Sale 8:00 am - 1:00 pm	18 8:00 am 1:00 pm
19 VBS Kickoff Party 10:15-11:15am VBS Workshop Night 6:30-8:30 pm	20 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 	28	29	30 FISH Food Pantry 5:15-7:30 pm Young Adult Dinner at Carlos after Fish Pantry	31	

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## OUR VISION

*To be a vital presence and asset to the community.*



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