



At the end of this month, we will come to the end of the Easter Season and celebrate Pentecost Sunday. During the Easter Season, we remember the stories of the Resurrection and read about all the times Jesus appeared to the disciples and other followers after He was risen from the dead.

In the first chapter of Acts, we read that 40 days after the Resurrection, Jesus ascends into heaven. We will remember this story on the 7<sup>th</sup> and final Sunday of Easter, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Then the disciples are on their own – again – wondering what is next.

Their first order of business is selecting another disciples to replace Judas. Two men were proposed for this replacement, from all of the followers who had travelled with Jesus during His ministry. After a time of prayer, they cast lots and Matthias was chosen as the newest disciple.

Then comes the story of Pentecost. In Biblical times, and in Jewish tradition still today, Pentecost was a celebration known as Shavuot – or the Feast of Weeks. This celebration occurred 50 days after Passover (which is how it became known as Pentecost, a form of the Greek word for 50). The Feast of Weeks was a time for them to give thanks to God for His creation and His faithfulness.

This is where we find the disciples in Acts 2, celebrating Shavuot, with many other Jews in Jerusalem. As they are gathered together, the “sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven” and “tongues of fire came to rest on each of them.” Then they were “filled with the Holy Spirit.” Then they begin to speak in tongues so that all the people gathered in Jerusalem for the festival could understand them in their own language.

This moment was the beginning of the foundation of the church following Christ’s ascension into heaven. The beginning of the disciples going out into the world to share the Good News of Christ’s death and resurrection. With the help of the Holy Spirit, this message of grace, love, acceptance, and forgiveness has spread around the world. And the Holy Spirit is still at work in us, empowering us to be the ones sharing this Good News and spreading God’s love in our world today.

For us as Christians, Pentecost has now become a celebration of this momentous event in the life of the church. On Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> we will hear this story again and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in our life. The color of the day is red, reminding us of the tongues of fire that came upon the disciples. You are invited to wear red to worship that day as we celebrate together!

May the Holy Spirit continue to empower you to faithful discipleship!

Pastor Justin

**Thank you for all of your support and care of our family.**

**Pastor Justin & Pam invite you to  
come and celebrate with Ellie!**

**Graduation Open House for Ellie Neugebauer**

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-7:00 pm**

**American Lutheran Church**



## CHURCH COUNCIL

Pres: Ryan Gruba  
 V. Pres: Sara VanMeter  
 Secretary: Heather Zinter  
 Treasurer: Emily Mueller

## PROPERTY/ MANAGEMENT

Ryan Gruba  
 Dan Bohn  
 Brett Storm

## YOUTH/EDUCATION

Jessica Schuchard  
 Heather Zinter  
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 Sara Anderson  
 Jacob Knoll

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Laurie Stregé  
 Sara VanMeter  
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## LISTEN TO THE SERVICE:

### On the RADIO

LIVE at 9 am on KMSD  
 1510AM/95.1FM

### FACEBOOK Live

"LIVE at 9 am on Facebook"

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[www.americanlutheran.com](http://www.americanlutheran.com)

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# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS AND UPDATES

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 8 COUNCIL MEETING

### Property & Management Committee

- Preparing for the April 30 Spring Work Day

### Worship & Evangelism Committee

- We will look at having two Easter Services next year.
- Preparing for New Member Sunday
- Working on signing up and/or assigning Sunday Worship Helpers for May and then for the Summer Months.
- Preparing for HS Senior Graduation Sunday

### Finance & Stewardship Committee

- Free-will donations from Wednesday Lent suppers will go to the preschool, youth, shed fund and spring cleanup supplies.

### Youth & Education Committee

- Preschool Board is working on bylaws and procedures.
- We will advertise for a replacement for the

classroom assistant

- Hot Stuff Pizza Fundraiser planned
- Field Trips planned for Hartford Beach State Park on May 4 and Main Street on April 28. Graduation is on May 11.
- Last Day of Sunday School is April 30
- Amy is working on Summer Programming

### Other Business (new & old)

- Reviewing the Time and Talent Surveys from last fall to continue implementing plans in each of our areas.

**The next American Lutheran Church Council meeting is May 10 at 6:30.**

- Gail Selgeby, ALC Secretary, will be out of the office from May 9 to June 9. Carol Kirchberg and Amy Bass will fill in for Gail.



**Wednesday Mornings  
 at 10 am in the  
 ALC Holy Word Theatre**

## Stewardship *Time, Talent, Treasure*

Date	Attendance	Offering
4/02/23	285	\$ 6,914
4/09/23	402	\$ 5,210
4/16/23	152	\$ 2,384
4/23/23	189	\$ 4,012
4/30/23	TBD	TBD
4/06/23	141	\$ 479
4/07/23	53	\$ -

Online giving: \$ 4,940



American Lutheran Church is responsible to deliver the Milbank Area "Meals on Wheels" for the month of June.

There is a sign-up sheet for drivers on the Welcome Center Counter.

## American Lutheran Church Staff Contact Information

### PASTOR

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 Carol.Kirchberg@americanlutheran.com  
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### ALC PRESCHOOL

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 Volunteer—Rebecca Welberg

### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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### CUSTODIAN

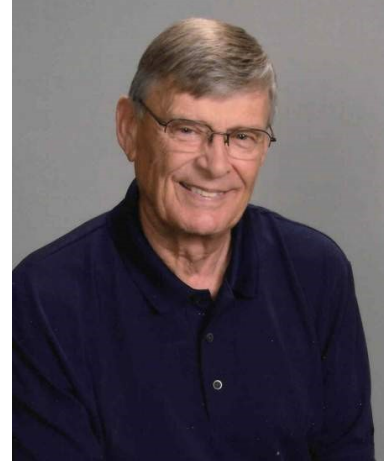
**Gary Christianson**  
 Cell 605-924-0181

### PARISH NURSE

**Diana Dirksen**  
 dirksen@tnics.com  
 605-432-6128 (leave message)



## Pastoral Acts



**Shirley Yvonne Thorson**

December 8, 1931 - April 1, 2023

Funeral: April 7, 2023

**Ronald Gene Boe**

November 28, 1943 - March 13, 2023

Funeral: April 8, 2023



## Quilt Fabric Needed

The Piece-Corps Quilters need fabric.

If you are cleaning out your closets this spring and find extra yards of fabric or extra flat sheets (any size) - the quilters can use these. They especially need fabric for backing their quilts.

If you have questions, stop in on a Tuesday morning when they are quilting, or call the office.

The quilters meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 9:00.



## Preschool Assistant

American Lutheran Preschool is looking for a Preschool Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year

We are looking for someone to provide support to the preschool teacher and help meet the emotional, social, and physical needs of the children.

Hours will be Monday-Thursday, 7:45-3:30

Follows the Milbank School District Calendar regarding days off, holidays, etc.

The job will begin in August of 2023.

Please contact the church office (605-432-5566) with any questions. You can send your resumes to [alcoffice@itcmilbank.com](mailto:alcoffice@itcmilbank.com)

Position is opened until filled.

## Parish Nurse News

### Blood Pressures

I will be in church entry area to take blood pressures on May 14, following worship. I am also available to answer questions.



**Diana Dirksen**  
Parish Nurse

### Tuesday, May 2

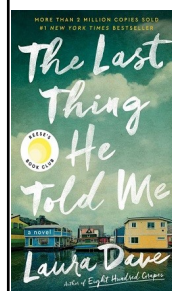
#### 1:30 at Parkview Church "Walking Celebration"



We will celebrate the completion of the Longest Walk in the world! 63 walkers logged 14,315 miles in total. We walked from South Africa to extreme northern Russia.

## Book Clubs in May

Books are provided. If you would like to attend, Janelle Kelly, Church Librarian, will provide a book for you.



February 27, 2 pm

Group 1

**The Last Thing He Told Me**

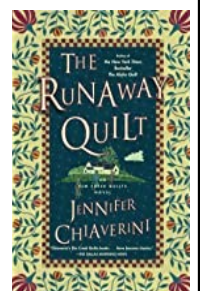
by Laura Dave

February 27, 5 pm

Group 2

**The Runaway Quilt**

By Jennifer Chiaverini





## May Birthdays



5/1	Kyle Pillatzke	5/6	McKenzie Johnson	5/12	Jeanne Krueger	5/24	Logan Paysen
5/2	Mary Bjordahl	5/6	Neil Thorson	5/13	Marion Mischel	5/24	Sophia Winston
5/2	Wendy Boerger	5/7	Janine Folk	5/13	Carly Peterson	5/25	Tammy Hippen
5/2	Cindy Bork	5/7	Alexa Fraasch	5/13	Payton Wendland	5/26	Doris Bergan
5/2	Adelyn Cordingley	5/7	Morgan Kiley	5/14	Brian Granquist	5/27	Joan Johnson
5/3	Araya Andrews	5/7	Tyler Ruhr	5/15	Darin Thiele	5/27	Hudson Mueller
5/3	Owen Johnson	5/7	Reese Schuneman	5/16	Garrett Cook	5/27	Parker Sipe
5/3	Nicholas Mears	5/7	Shannon Zemlicka	5/17	Rhett Dunnihoo	5/28	Jordan Dorneman
5/3	Andrea Schuelke	5/8	Linda Schmeichel	5/17	Amy Peterson	5/28	Dustin Prisinger
5/3	Ryan VanMeter	5/8	Janice Storm	5/17	Rochelle Welberg	5/28	Ashley Smith
5/4	Terenn Winston	5/8	Jennifer Wanioerek	5/19	Jesse Heller	5/28	Amber Unzen
5/5	Drew Dohman	5/9	Laramie Steffensen	5/22	Kalli Grong	5/29	Nancy Fosheim
5/5	Katelyn Steinlicht	5/11	Jalen Bear	5/22	Elisabeth Schwenn	5/29	Amber Wellnitz
5/6	Nicholas Boerger	5/12	Jordan Hins	5/23	Archer Mathiason	5/31	Isaac Johnson

*Please let the Church Office know if there are corrections or additions to the birthday list.*



### **Bible Study, Service, & Mission Opportunities** Contact the Church Office for additional information about these groups.



#### **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 10 am. Currently watching THE CHOSEN.

#### **Thursday Morning Men's Breakfast Group**

Thursdays at 8 am in the library. Great conversation plus they look at the upcoming Sunday's gospel lesson.

#### **Piece Corps Quilters**

The quilters create quilts that are given to Lutheran World Relief and local charities plus an infant quilt for every child baptized at ALC and every ALC HS Graduate. Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **Peace Circle (WELCA)**

Bible Study, Fellowship, and Community Service. Meets the first Tuesday of each month at NOON in the Library.

#### **Page Turners Book Clubs**

There are two book clubs. They each meet once a month. (2 pm or 5 pm) Books are provided for you. Contact Janelle Kelly jrenaek@hotmail.com for more information.

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

This group crochets or knits prayer shawls (on their own time) that are given to members that are in need of a special touch of love. Yarn is provided.

#### **ALC High School Youth Group**

Usually meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month

#### **ALC 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Group**

This group meets occasionally for events.

#### **ALC Library**

It's easy to check out books. No time limit.

Two locations: a Book Cart in the entry area and the Church Library room.

#### **Manna Praise Band**

Usually practices one evening a week.

#### **Note-A-Bells**

A bell choir that practices most Wednesdays at 5:15.

#### **Choir**

No set schedule. They send out emails/texts when meeting.

#### **Decorating Committee**

This group changes the décor in the church to match the seasons and celebrations.

#### **Event Committee**

Plan and help with events throughout the year.

#### **Altar Guild**

This group takes care of the altar. The set up the altar for communion each week for worship. Teams sign up for one month each year.

#### **Plant Care**

Water and care for indoor plants on a weekly basis.

#### **Boy Scouts**

Meet on Monday Evenings

#### **Sweet-Mixers Baking Group**

This group meets once or twice a month to bake the treats for the Sunday Coffee Fellowship hours.



# WOMEN'S Connection

Tuesday, May 16  
1:30-3:00pm  
Central Church  
Fellowship Hall  
201 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milbank, SD

A light dessert will be served for \$5 per person.

**Speaker:** Debby Schmitz of Harvey, ND  
Speaking on "Coping with Life's Changes"

**Special Feature:** Melody Kunde "The Junk Nut"  
showing her unique creations

**Special Feature:** "Piano Duet"  
presented by Julie Ludwig & Renae Wollschlager

**Come, enjoy an afternoon of fellowship  
together with women in our area.**

For reservations, please contact:  
Peg Dohrer (605) 949-0311 [pldohrer@itcmilbank.com](mailto:pldohrer@itcmilbank.com)  
Tammy Aakre (218) 790-0883 [aakres304@gmail.com](mailto:aakres304@gmail.com)



**SD Synod 2023 Assembly**  
Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, 2023

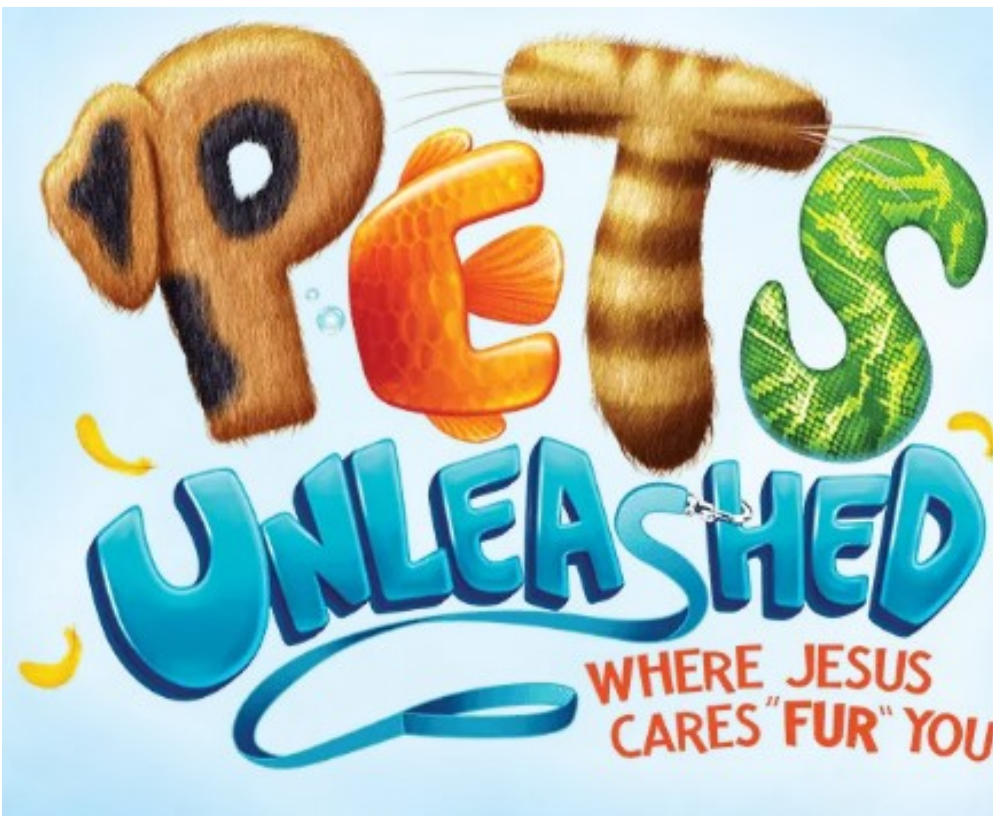
Sioux Falls

ALC needs to send  
3 voting delegates

**Would you be interested in attending?**

Visit with Pastor Justin or a member of the  
church council for more information.

\*\* ALC pays the registration fee and hotel cost.



**Vacation Bible  
School!**

**June 14-15th**

**5:30-8pm**

**Sign up now!  
See Sunday  
School page for  
details!**



**Laura Johnson**  
Parents:  
Ken Johnson &  
Kay O'Farrell



**Mason Cordingley**  
Parents:  
Mike & Brittini  
Cordingley



**Emily Jo Wollschlager**  
Parents:  
Mark & Laurie  
Wollschlager



**Eli Johnson**  
Parents:  
Brian & Sara  
Johnson



**Jasmine Smith**  
Parents:  
Mike & Karen Smith

## High School Senior Sunday May 7, 2023

There is a graduate display table in the entry area. You are invited to drop off cards or notes of encouragement for our graduates.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship as we celebrate with them



**Casside Seezs**  
Parents:  
Jason & Chely Wellnitz



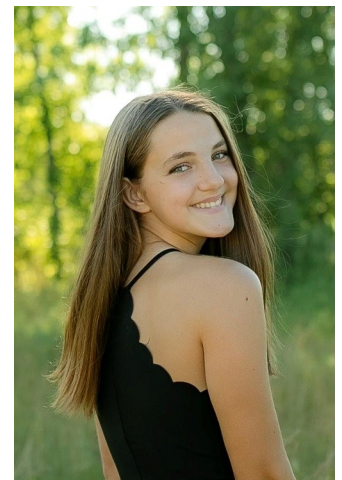
**Keara Van Hoorn**  
Parents:  
Ron & Jamie Van Hoorn  
Joleen & Toby Wiegman



**Jackson Bohlen**  
Parents:  
Matt & Jessica  
Bohlen



**Sammy Femling**  
Parents:  
Travis & Anne Lester  
Bob & Amanda Femling



**Ellie Neugebauer**  
Parents:  
Pastor Justin & Pam  
Neugebauer

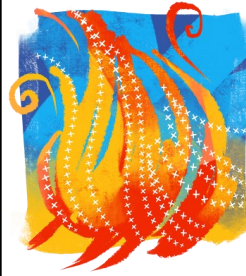


# American Red Cross

**Milbank Red Cross Blood Drive  
at American Lutheran Church**

**Tuesday and Wednesday  
May 16 & 17, 12-6 pm**

Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter 57252  
to schedule an appointment.



## Pentecost Sunday May 28

*When the day of  
Pentecost came, they  
were all together in  
one place.*

Acts 2:1 NIV



## American Lutheran Minnesota Twins Bus Trip

**Saturday, June 17**

**Sign up at the  
Welcome Center.**

### HS Youth Group



**Wednesday, May 3**

6:00 for supper, devotions and activities

**Wednesday, May 17**

6:00 for supper, devotions and activities



## Worship Volunteers for SUMMER

**Sign-up now at the  
Welcome Center.**

**Lectors, Communion Servers,  
Ushers, Greeters, Coffee Fellowship.**

Summer is busy for everyone.  
We know it is hard to plan ahead!  
If you sign up for a Sunday and your plans  
change, just let us know and we will find  
a substitute for you.



## Confirmation NEWS

**May 3**

All confirmation students will be packing meals at  
Orphan Grain Train during Confirmation Class.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Student/Parent/Mentor Meeting  
Wednesday, May 3 at 5:00 pm**

Pastor Justin will meet with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their  
parents, along with their mentors, to discuss plans for  
Confirmation Sunday, which will occur this fall for these  
students. Information about Confirmation Faith Projects and  
Bible Verses will be presented.

**May 10**

Final Confirmation Class of the Year

# American Lutheran SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year has flown by! Our last session of Sunday School for this school year will be April 30th. There are fun activities planned for the day, so I hope to see everyone there!



Congratulations to the students who received their first communion on Maundy Thursday. God's blessings to you all!

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who donated time and talents to the Sunday School program during the 2022-23 year! Thank you to April Steffensen, Amber Wellnitz, Brittni Cordingley, Melissa Schuneman, Sierra Daugaard, Jody Bear, Dana Mathiason, Mary Toftness, Kari Schmeichel, Sheila Myrum, Heather Zinter, Rachel Kiley, Dani Hicks, Pam Neugebauer, Ellie Neugebauer, Anna Neugebauer, and Noah Thompson. You have all been such a blessing this year! Thank you for being flexible and for making things run so smoothly! I could not do my job without help from you all!



On Palm Sunday, all Sunday School kids performed special music. The confirmation kids prepared and served breakfast for the congregation and the Sunday School kids



enjoyed crafts and activities during the Sunday School hour. The kids had the chance to golf, hear the Easter story, make sun catchers, decorate eggs, plant a

succulent, make an ornament, and enjoy a treat!



**Save the date for Vacation Bible School!** This year VBS will be held on June 14 and 15. All children ages 3 years (and potty trained) through 6th grade are welcome to attend! Register students or sign up to volunteer at:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/alcmilbanksd/27273>

Can't wait to see everyone at VBS!

*Amy Bass, Education Coordinator*





# ALC Preschool



Thank you, Avery Whitesitt, for being our cadet teacher this year. We are grateful to have had you in our classroom. Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

We currently have openings in both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old class.

Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board outside the preschool classroom or on the church website.

If you have any questions about registration, please feel free to reach out.



## ALC Preschool 2022-2023 Graduating Class

Annabeth Kohn  
Lynden Harms  
Millicent VanMeter  
Jarret Bear  
Maddox Sackreiter  
Olivia Prisinger  
Harrison Sovell  
Lydia Johnson  
Case Conrad  
Maddox Waddell  
Graham Knoll  
Violet Hoffmann  
Olivia Kohl  
Harley Ehlebracht  
Braxton Wilson

Congratulations and best wishes as they move forward to JK/Kindergarten next school year!

A loyal supporter and employee of our preschool program is leaving us at the end of the school year.

We want to thank Brittany for her years of service she has dedicated to our preschool and for all the hard work she has done every day to provide a strong foundation of education for our children.

The kindness, dedication, and mentorship she has shown to the preschool and their families will be missed.

We pray that her journey ahead blesses her and her family abundantly.



**It has been a wonderful school year. Have a great summer!**

Morning Class: 8:00-11:00; Afternoon Class: 12:15-3:15; Email: [alcps@itcmilbank.com](mailto:alcps@itcmilbank.com)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 12 Staff Mtg	<b>2</b> 12 Peace Circle	<b>3</b> 10 Bible Study THE CHOSEN 3:30 Confirmation 5:15 Bell Practice 5 Confirmation & Mentor Mtg. 6:00 HS School Youth Group 6:30 Manna Praise Band Practice	<b>4</b> 8 Men's Group  6 Milbank Education Foundation Scholarship Banquet  	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>9 WORSHIP</b> 10 Fellowship Hour  HS Graduates Sunday at ALC  	<b>8</b> 12 Staff Mtg	<b>9</b> 9 Quilting  10:30 Milbank Ministerial	<b>10</b> 10 Bible Study THE CHOSEN 3:30 Confirmation 6:30 ALC Council Mtg.	<b>11 St. Dysmas Prison Trip</b> 8 Men's Group 2 VESPERS <b>WORSHIP</b> at St. Williams Care Center 6 Preschool Graduation	<b>12 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b>	<b>13 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b>
<b>14 Mothers Day</b> <b>9 WORSHIP</b> 10 Fellowship Hour  <b>Fellowship Hall Reserved</b>	<b>15</b> 8-11 Preschool Round-up  12 Staff Mtg	<b>16</b>  12-6 Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>17</b> 10 Bible Study THE CHOSEN 6:00 HS Youth Group   12-6 Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>18</b> 8 Men's Group  	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>9 WORSHIP</b> 10 Fellowship Hour	<b>22</b> 12 Staff Mtg 2 Book Club 1 5 Book Club 2 7 Scouts	<b>23</b> 9 Quilting	<b>24</b> 10 Bible Study THE CHOSEN	<b>25</b> 8 Men's Group	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>9 WORSHIP</b> 10 Fellowship Hour   PENTECOST SUNDAY  Afternoon: Clayton Olson Birthday Celebration	<b>29 Memorial Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>30</b> 9 Quilting	<b>31</b> 10 Bible Study THE CHOSEN			