


# GREETERS SCHEDULE

May 5	7:45	Guy & Sue Repp
	10:30	Jim & Marcia Pflum
May 12	7:45	Dr. Marvin & Vicki Mortensen
	10:30	Jim & Marcia Pflum
May 19	7:45	Guy & Sue Repp
	10:30	Jim & Marcia Pflum
May 26	7:45	Travis & Brindah Birkholz
	10:30	Tom & Joan Mrazek

<b>May 1 - 15</b>		<b>May 16 - 31</b>
Else Cuppan		Joan Voss
Julie Shafer		Mary Demmon

## Cleaning Schedule

Week of:	
May 5	Bruce & Else Cuppan
May 12	Ralph & Cheryl Retzlaff
May 19	Ralph & Cheryl Retzlaff
May 26	<i>Can you fill this spot?</i>



Please call Gregg at  
923 - 1583  
to become a member of  
the "cleaning team".

### *Membership Matters*

The matters of membership listed below were acted upon or recognized by the Coordinating Council at its April meeting.

**Affirmation of Faith:**

Thomas Dobrinski

**Baptism:**

Isabelle Ann Pipping

**Request for Transfer In:**

Robert and Parker\* Giese from Zion, Theresa Edward Redeker from Good Shepherd, Fond du Lac

**Request for Transfer Out:**

Shelley Samuel to Divine Word, Plover

**Request for Release:**

Jamie Jagdfeld  
Jim Flaherty  
Kate Gibson

**Removal (Unable to Serve):**

Brenda, Jessica\*, Nicole\* Hartman  
Elliott\*, and Emelia\* Riley



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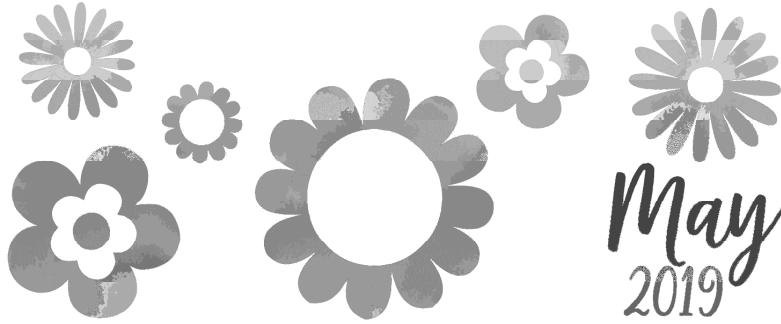
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## Confirmation: The Continued Use

**“Now brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise you have believed in vain.”** *I Corinthians 15:1,2*

Digging into the archives, I looked over pictures of confirmation classes from years past. Some of these photos will be on display in the glass case in the entryway during the month of May. It's interesting that things haven't changed much over the last 150 years. Confirmation is still held for students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Prior to confirmation there is a public examination day in which the students answer questions about the Christian faith. On the day of confirmation students still wear white robes adorned with a red rose or carnation. During the confirmation service students receive their confirmation verse, receive a prayer book gifted by the congregation, and receive their confirmation certificate.

What also hasn't changed is years of instruction the students have received prior to their confirmation day. Their instruction has been in the Word of God as they come to know the confession of our church and to be properly prepared to receive the Lord's Supper as they become adult communicant members of the church. Confirmation sets a foundation for our children's future and continued life of worship and service.

When Paul preached the gospel in Corinth, he instructed the people in the Christian faith. As the Corinthians grew in their knowledge of Christ, the more they took their stand on Christ for the salvation of their souls. It is no different when our confirmands, after having been instructed in God's Word, take their stand before the altar and make

their vow, *“To continue steadfast in the Christian faith and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it,”* and *“To be faithful in worship and the use of the sacraments for the strengthening of your faith, and to remain true to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – as long as you live.”* This vow, the same vow we also made on the day of our own confirmation, is a reminder that only by the gospel of Christ we can and will be saved.



Paul not only encouraged the Corinthians to remain in faith, but also gave them a warning if they do not continue in their faith, *“Otherwise you have believed in vain.”* It is also a warning for us today not to treat our confirmations as an end; to not hang our faith on the wall with our confirmation certificates to be left there, to not leave our prayer life inside our confirmation prayer

books to remain on a shelf unopened and unused, and to not think since we have made our vow before the Lord we can go and never have to return. Paul's warning is that if we do not continue to grow in our faith and make use of God's Word and sacraments for the continued strengthening of our faith, we will lose it. And all the instruction in God's Word we received would be for nothing.

But as we witness this year's confirmation class making their vow before the Lord, may we be reminded of our own confirmations. May we continue to gather around the Word and sacraments taking our stand on Christ, everyday knowing *“by this gospel you are saved.”*

## NURSES POINT OF INTEREST

## *Myths and Facts about Seasonal Allergies*

### Desert Climates Cure Allergies

**Myth.** Don't pick up and move to escape your allergies. Grass and ragweed pollens are found nearly everywhere. A climate change may curb your symptoms, but your relief could be short-lived. You may have reactions to the allergens in your new environment not long after you move.

### There's No Pollen at the Beach

**Myth.** The coast can be a nice vacation spot for people with allergies. Beaches generally have lower pollen counts, but grasses are common near them, and ragweed pollen can be found as far as 400 miles out to sea.

### Allergy Shots May Help

**Fact.** They aren't a cure, but if you have bad allergies or reactions to many things, they might help you. Regular shots greatly cut some people's reactions to certain allergens. (There are also under-the-tongue meds that work the same way.) But you'll have to stick with the treatment plan to see the greatest results.

### Cut Flowers Commonly Trigger Allergies

**Myth.** Very few people have allergic reactions to a bouquet of beautiful blossoms. The pollens made by trees, grasses, and weeds are usually to blame. But you're not likely to put flowers from those plants in a vase!

### You Will Outgrow Your Seasonal Allergies

**Myth.** Most kids won't, especially if they have hay fever (allergic rhinitis). A hospital in Sweden tracked 82 people with hay fever and found that 99% still had it 12 years later. But 39% did say they had some improvement.

### Pollen Counts Can Predict Bad Allergy Days

**Fact.** They measure how much of the fine yellow dust is in the air over a period of time. A high count means you're more likely to have symptoms when you go outside. So, check the count as you make plans for the day.

### Hay Fever Comes From Hay

**Myth.** Don't let the name fool you. Hay fever isn't a fever, and you can get it even if you've never been to a farm. Tree, grass, and weed pollens cause it. So do mold spores. If you have allergies, you may be more likely to have a reaction in a rural area. But some studies show that children who grow up on farms have a smaller chance of getting allergies.

### Local Honey Can Fight Off Allergies

**Myth.** Some people believe this sweet treat is a natural remedy for pollen problems. But most allergies don't stem from the type found in honey -- and that means that a jar of it won't help you build up your immunity. So, enjoy honey's taste, but know that even local kinds probably won't ease your symptoms.

### No Childhood Allergies? No Worries

**Myth.** Allergies often start when you're a kid. But you can get them as an adult, too. Some happen after you change where you live and encounter new allergens. And even if you think you've overcome a childhood allergy, some symptoms can show up again when you're a grown-up.



## Help Support Central Africa Medical Mission: *Meet Cassim at Mwalaulomwe*

Seven month old Cassim was brought to our Lutheran Mobile Clinic's Mwalaulomwe site in early August by his grandmother. This little boy was very sick, dehydrated, underweight, anemic and had pneumonia. His mother had died a week earlier from TB. His family tried to find powdered milk in the store but the milk gave him diarrhea. The staff of the Lutheran Mobile Clinic gave him an antibiotic injection and rehydration solution. I asked Pastor Beza to talk to the grandmother. We took Cassim to the hospital to be admitted and gave the grandmother a can of formula. I was afraid he wouldn't survive. I prayed for him.

Two weeks later, Cassim's aunt brought him back to our clinic. He had been in the hospital a week and his lungs were now clear. He was taking formula well and seemed alert and happy. We gave him his first set of immunizations and iron syrup for anemia and provided formula for the next week.

What a cute, healthy baby. We are thankful that Cassim, his aunt and grandmother are doing well. The formula and medicines we are able to give children do save lives. We are also thankful for those who make this possible.



Written by Beth Evans, Nurse in Charge  
Lutheran Mobile Clinic August 2018

### Youth Confirmation

We invite the congregation to celebrate with this year's confirmands. The Public Examination Night is scheduled for Friday, May 3 at 6:30.

The Rite of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 5 in the 10:30 service. Please keep our confirmands in your prayers as they are ready to confess their faith and become communicant members of our congregation.



Dear members of St. Peter's,

I would like to thank you for your tuition support this year! I am in my third year this year and have had a very eventful year! I have started the bulk of my training with clinical and other classes. I am also involved in track again this year and have been very busy with that. I'm extremely grateful for all of your support and encouragement! It's nice to see and hear from you when I come home from school!



Your sister in Christ,  
Emily Orvis

**REMINDER**  
Summer Worship  
Schedule  
begins May 26th

# St. Peter's Summer Nights

# WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

All St. Peter's members are invited for evenings of Faith, Food, and Friends!

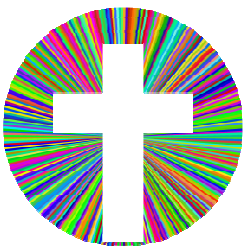
**Sunday, June 23 5:00 – 7:00pm**

**Sunday, July 28 5:00 – 7:00pm**



**Game On!** The game for the evening will begin at 5:00pm. We will either play group games of soccer, kickball, or volleyball. The games will probably be kids vs adults and run from 5:00-6:00pm.

**Grill & Grub!** St. Peter's will supply hot dogs and buns, along with lemonade (*or bring along your refillable water bottle*). We will also supply the condiments, plates, plastic-ware, and napkins. **Every family is encouraged to bring 1 dish to pass, a side dish or dessert.** Food will be served from 6:00pm-6:30pm.



**Faith & Song!** Around 6:30pm. We will all meet in the commons area for songs and evening devotion. We will be learning about "**Songs Of Our Savior**" and singing them. We will end the evening as a family in Christ in a special song of praise to our God.

**Sunday, June 23:**  
5:00pm Soccer Games  
6:00pm Dinner/Snacks  
6:30pm Devotion/Songs

**Sunday, July 28:**  
5:00pm Kickball Games  
6:00pm Dinner/Snacks  
6:30pm Devotion/Songs