

The Parish Voice

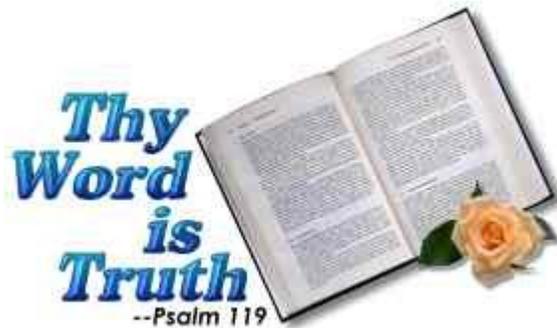
May 2017

Floyd Willis
Lutheran Parish

Read the Bible in a Year

May Calendar

- 4-Thursday, 10:00 am, St. Mark Bible Study
- 11-Thursday, 10:00 am, St. Mark Bible Study
- 18-Thursday, 10:00 am, St. Mark Bible Study
- 25-Thursday, 10:00 am, St. Mark Bible Study



New Revised Standard Version: Chronological
Read the Bible as its events occurred in real time.

May 1: 2Sam 5:1-10; 1Chron 11-12

May 2: Ps 133

May 3: Ps 106-107

May 4: 2Sam 5:11-6:23; 1Chron 13-16

May 5: Ps 1-2/15/22-24/47/68

May 6: Ps 89/96/100-101/105/132

May 7: 2Sam 7; 1Chron 17

May 8: Ps 25/29/33/36/39

May 9: 2Sam 8-9; 1Chron 18

May 10: Ps 50/53/60/75

May 11: 2Sam 10; 1Chron 19; Ps 20

May 12: Ps 65-67/69-70

May 13: 2Sam 11-12; 1Chron 20

May 14: Ps 32/51/86/122

May 15: 2Sam 13-15

May 16: Ps 3-4/12-13/28/55

May 17: 2Sam 16-18

May 18: Ps 26/40/58/61-62/64

May 19: 2Sam 19-21

May 20: Ps 5/38/41-42

May 21: 2Sam 22-23; Ps 57

May 22: Ps 95/97-99

May 23: 2Sam 24; 1Chron 21-22; Ps 30

May 24: Ps 108-110

May 25: 1Chron 23-25

May 26: Ps 131/138-139/143-145

May 27: 1Chron 26-29; Ps 127

May 28: Ps 111-118

May 29: 1King 1-2; Ps 37/71/94

May 30: Ps 119:1-88

May 31: 1King 3-4; 2Chron 1; Ps 72



Caroline Furnace: Celebrating 60 Years of Ministry

We want to celebrate 60 years of fun, fellowship, and faith with you! Come for the whole weekend or come celebrate for part of the time, but do come!

Traditionally, the 60th Anniversary is a “diamond anniversary,” but for camp, it’s our SLAG Anniversary. Join us *Saturday, May 27th - Monday, May 29th* for yummy food, good fun, and memorable fellowship.

Come celebrate our Slag Anniversary! **Registration closes May 16th** or when space is full. Space is limited. Sign up to reserve your spot today.

For More Information and to Register:

More information:

<https://www.carolinefurnace.org/summer-camp>

Online Registration

<https://www.carolinefurnace.org/register>

Free Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop

Sign up now for the 6 week workshop beginning Thursday, May 25, 4:30-7:00 pm

Call Tina King for more info—540.980.7720

Goal Setting—Problem Solving— Healthy Eating— Managing Fatigue and Pain— Low Impact Exercising—Dealing with Difficult Emotions— Communicating Effectively with family, friends and your health care team

You will receive a free workbook and CD

Do you have a chronic health condition?

Are you a caregiver?

Tri-Area Community Health Center



Happy Birthday

- 2-Jabe LeRoy
- 10-Ann Henley
- 12-Jeremy Jackson
- 14-Gavin Jackson
- 15-Virginia Neukirch
- 17-Debbie DeJesus
- 19-Diane Giessler
- 21-Chris Fones
- 24-Shirley VanGilder

Happy Anniversary

- 14-Rhonda and Michael Daibler
- 18-Rebecca and Jeremy Jackson
- 27-Tina and Eric Root

Council Members

St. Mark

- David Harmon
- Laura LeRoy
- Billy Motley, President
- Tyson LeRoy
- Vickie Sowers

Zion

- BJ Bauermeister
- Michael Daiber
- Bill Gardner, President
- Marty Holliday
- Jack Wall
- Rebecca Jackson
- Marjorie Wells

Joint Council

- Marty Holliday,
- President

Falling and Not Afraid—Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton

Our living and our dying are great mysteries.

Not long ago a young reporter contacted me wanting to talk about death. She had suddenly come to the realization that she would one day die. She wanted to know what happens to us when we die, was there life after death and what did Scripture say about heaven? These are meta-questions.

I know how I felt when I was 28. I didn't want to die. My whole life was ahead of me. I couldn't accept that there was a limit to my time on earth. And there was a bit of a fear factor. What would happen to me? What if there was not a resurrection? Would death be painful? Did my life have meaning? I felt a little guilty about these doubts and fears because I was already ordained-I should be steadfast in my faith and have no doubts about my ultimate future. But I did.

Here is what I learned from my experience at that time in my life: Life is precious and beautiful and, even in its painfulness, something to be fiercely protected. Also, doubt is not the opposite of faith but is part of faith. Doubt and questions can lead us to clearer understanding and deeper faith.

Based on our tradition's conviction that it is God's gracious will to be merciful, that God intends good for all people and all creation, that no amount of good deeds or of bad will determine God's relationship with us, or our eternal future-this is God's work, God's grace-I tried to answer the reporter's questions.

Lutheran Christians do believe in life after this earthly one. Paul wrote: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his (Romans 6:3-5).

There are many passages in Scripture that speak about heaven-beautiful descriptions of reconciled humanity singing praises to God, the end of mourning and crying and pain and death, and the beauty of the heavenly city. And we hear God's fulfilled promise: "See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

Our living and our dying are great mysteries. The images of heaven we read in Scripture are the best and inspired efforts of the finite to describe the infinite. Human language and understanding are too small. But I am sure of this: God is love. God's love is infinite and complete. In this life we only get a foretaste of that. When our earthly life is done we will be enfolded in that love and loved completely by the one who knows us completely.

Paul put it this way: "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

My spiritual director told me this story. There was a woman who missed her footing in the dark and fell out of an open hotel room window. She clung desperately to the ledge all night, only to see at sunrise that she was 6 inches from the ground the whole time.

Our lives are like that-trying to hold on no matter what, not believing that God is there ready to receive us.

I thought about that for a while and only later came to realize that I am falling and not afraid. I don't know what will come next in this life. I can't definitively describe heaven. But I do know that my life is in God's hands.

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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St. Mark Lutheran Church
5655 Floyd Hwy South, Willis—Service at 11:15 am

Zion Lutheran Church
135 Needmore Lane, Floyd—Service at 9:30 am

Pastor's Office hours:

Mondays and Wednesdays
10:00 am—1:00 pm

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Check us out on the web at
floyd Lutherans.weebly.com

Sunday Servers

Lectors at St. Mark, Zion:

7-Debbie, Bill
14-Phil, Billy
21-David, **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
28-Laura, **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Hosts at Zion:

7-**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
14-**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
21-Choir

28-Linda and Diane
B-Day/Anniv at St. Mark: Nadine
Sanctuary, Altar, Flowers: Nadine

Zion Altar Guild: Linda, Marty Tome

Zion Flowers: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Zion Greeter: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Zion Candle: Barbara Triplette



*Grateful for the
warmth of the soil
and the hope of
new growth*

Funny Bone

-God made rainy days, so gardeners could get the housework done.

-My wife's a water sign. I'm an earth sign.
Together we make mud. - Rodney Dangerfield

- The real meaning of plant catalog terminology:

"A favorite of birds" means to avoid planting near cars, sidewalks, or clotheslines.

"Grows more beautiful each year" means "Looks like roadkill for the foreseeable future."

"Zone 5 with protection" is a variation on the phrase "Russian roulette."

"May require support" means your daughter's engineering degree will finally pay off.

"Moisture-loving" plants are ideal for landscaping all your bogs and swamps.

"Carefree" refers more to the plant's attitude than to your workload.

"Vigorous" is code for "has a Napoleonic compulsion to take over the world."

"Grandma's Favorite" -- until she discovered free-flowering, disease-resistant hybrids.

Newsletter submissions would be welcome! Email by 20th of each month.