

The Parish Voice

May 2016

Floyd Willis
Lutheran Parish

May Calendar

- 5-Thursday, 10:00 am, St. Mark Bible Study
- 8-Sunday, after service, St. Mark Council
- 12-Thursday, 10:00 am, St. Mark Bible Study
- 19-Thursday, 10:00 am, St. Mark Bible Study
- 21-Saturday, Salem, Pack the Park event
- 22-Sunday, 10:30 am, Joint Service for Pentecost at the Motleys, followed by a potluck picnic
- 26-Thursday, 10:00 am, St. Mark Bible Study

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Social Justice committee at Zion is proposing that our parish create an exciting program this summer. The Summer Feeding Program will provide food for those children who receive free and reduced lunches at school and who participate in the school year backpack program but might not have enough food when they are at home for the summer. We have the funds to do this; what we will need is hands to make it work - hands to shop for food, to pack it and to deliver it to the children. We need St. Mark folks to help, too; many of the children we hope to reach live in Willis or Indian Valley. Childhood hunger is a very real problem in our county. Won't you prayerfully consider how you might help provide a solution to the problem? If you would like to learn more or volunteer for this program, please let Bill Gardner (gardnerb@swva.net) or Ginny Gardner (ggardner@swva.net) know.

*In Christ,
Pastor Linda*

P.S. Have you looked at our parish website lately? Check it out at floydlutherans@weebly.com. Thank you to Rebecca Jackson for the attractive design and for keeping the site updated! If you have something you would like to put on the website, please let Rebecca know – rebeccajackson@yahoo.com.

Pentecost Joint Service

**May 22
10:30 am**

**At the Motleys
Potluck Picnic
Following
the service**

Happy Birthday

2-Jabe LeRoy
6-Angelo Biviano
10-Lyrena Ann Henley
12-Jeremy Jackson
12-Ada Chrisman
14-Gavin Jackson
14-Evelyn Alderman
15-Virginia Neukirch
17-Debbie DeJesus
19-Diane Giessler
21-Chris Fones
24-Shirley Vangilder
26-Hannah Stroupe Biviano
26-Ananda Underwood
30-Noel Chrisman

Happy Anniversary

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



A Letter to St. Mark and Zion from Angels in the Attic

Dear Rev. Motley,

We are writing to express our deepest thanks for your recent donation to Angels Ministries, Inc. Generous gifts from donors provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission.

We at Angels Ministries are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors who answer the call to give again and again.

Please express our thanks to your congregation.

Sincerely,

*Angels Ministries, Inc.
James W. Shortt*

Pack The Park for LFSVA

You can be a superhero for LFSVA at our third Pack the Park event, Saturday, May 21 (Superhero Night!), at Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium. For every \$10 ticket we sell, LFSVA gets \$5, which will go toward LFSVA's Supported Employment Services that helps individuals with disabilities in the Roanoke area prepare for and find real jobs through job coaching and mentoring. Come support our individuals, their families and our program. Questions? Contact Leah Hatcher at lhatcher@lfsva.org.

Called Forward Together in Christ: A Process to Discern the ELCA's future

As we anticipate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, many people are asking what kind of church do we believe God is calling the ELCA to become? How do we become an inclusive, diverse church that is inspiring and relevant in different communities?

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is leading a process endorsed by the ELCA Church Council and in collaboration with the Conference of Bishops and other leaders from across this church that will guide us as a church together to discern in faith the future of the ELCA.

Through an initiative title Called Forward Together in Christ, we'll be assessing where we are as God's people and working to understand what God has in store for us. We are going to do a lot of listening...to God and to one another.

Together, we will create a vision for the future ELCA, a church with solid foundations that shares the good news of Jesus Christ and makes a difference in the world.

What is the Called Forward Together in Christ process? In the three main stages of Called Forward Together in Christ we will:

- * Have a conversation across this church about the future.
- * Consult on directions and priorities that emerge.
- * Reach decisions as a church about the directions in which we will head.

Between now and May, people in ELCA congregations, synods, social ministries, educational institutions and the church-wide office will be invited to take part in the conversations by providing ideas and feedback...hearing from as many people as possible.

In July, a consultation paper on the future directions of the ELCA (based on these conversations) will be released. It will present themes and ideas for the future that will be tested in August and September.

At its November meeting, the ELCA Church Council will consider and approve a statement to articulate the future directions and priorities for our church. The goal is to launch this statement in 2017 as part of the ELCA's Reformation anniversary observance and begin to move in the direction in which God has called us.

For more information, visit ELCA.org/future.



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Then God said,

*"Let the earth put
forth vegetation:*

will be April 9 & May 14, 2016. The present
nd Vocational at Augsburg College, a position

plants yielding

seed, and fruit

trees of every

kind...."

on about ACTS, [click here](#).

And it was so.—

Genesis 1:11

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5655 Floyd Hwy South, Willis—Service at 11:15 am

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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



*Grateful for
indoor sunshine*

Sunday Servers

Lectors at St. Mark, Zion:

1-Brook Smith, **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
8-Debbie Fullbright, **Volunteer Needed**
15-Phil Fullbright, Bill Gardner
22-David Harman, **Volunteer Needed**
29-Laura LeRoy, Tom King

Hosts at Zion:

1-Jack Wall/Kamala Bauers
8-Bday— **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
15-**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
22-Pastor's Pentecost Potluck Picnic
29-Choir

B-Day/Anniv at St. Mark: Nadine
Sanctuary, Altar, Flowers: Nadine

Zion Altar Guild: Linda and Chick
Zion Flowers: BJ
Zion Greeter: Ginny and Bill
Zion Candle: Barbara

Funny Bone

- My financial advisor says I don't have enough faith and my spiritual advisor says I am too diversified.
- God wants full custody....not just weekend visits.
- A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"
- There are only two kinds of people in the world - there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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