



# The Epistle

Unity Lutheran Parish ~ May 2024  
May 5<sup>th</sup> High School Quilts presented.  
May 12<sup>th</sup> Affirmation of Baptism.



## From the Pastor

### **"Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)"**

May, a month of busy times. End of the school year, graduation, Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism), getting ready for the summer.

Busy times, and yet times of change and growth.

Those graduating, a chapter of their life is closing and then a new chapter beginning.

Those being confirmed, they are not done with church, it is now the time to grow into how you offer your gifts to God through our worshipping community. As a member of the body of Christ, how will you offer your gifts to the whole church and this worshipping community?

The Affirmation of Baptism or Confirmation is when the individual basically says, "Yes these are the beliefs my parents baptized me into, but now I take them on as my own."

I don't remember much about my confirmation, other than it was important.

The Apostles Creed, and the beliefs shared in that service, were now what I believed. I had learned what I needed to learn. I memorized what I needed to memorize.

The wonderful aspect of God and the Holy Spirit working is that we keep growing and learning.

Even as a High School student, I knew I could serve God in the working world. Serving God was not only tied to a church. Yet, God had other plans for me than I had expected.

The point is that after a person is confirmed, they are called by God to continue to serve God in the church.

From Romans 12:6-11

*<sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.*

I love verse 11, especially the ending, "...serve the Lord."

God's blessings this month.

Pastor Bob

## **Confirmation Class News!!!**

### **Malta**

Here is the Schedule for May.

May 1 – **No Class!** ☺

**Enjoy the Summer, see you in the Fall.**

☺ Please note,

### **Affirmation of**

**Baptism** (Confirmation) will be

held **May 12th** at Malta Lutheran

Church at the 9 am worship service.

### **Malta Lutheran Church**

**Senior High School graduates'**

**recognition** is Sunday May 5, 2024, at

the 9 am worship service.

### **Scripture discovery**

We meet at **10 am on Monday mornings.**

In March we will look at the

upcoming Sunday morning readings. Bring a friend.

Please join us; there is always room for one more, invite a friend.

Pastor Bob

☺ **Mark Your calendars!**

**Vacation Bible School, July 22-25!**

More information is coming.

### **Prayer Time throughout the month**

Pray for High School and College graduates as they begin a new chapter in their life.

Pray for confirmands that they will seek out how to serve God by serving the church.

Pray for peace.

Let's continue to pray for each other.

Pray for the world leaders.



**Secretary Note: Attention:** Due to the office being closed Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in

honor of Memorial Day please have June newsletter information in by Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>!

**Reminder:** Please fill out the anonymous Pastor Evaluation sheet and place in manila folder provided or return to the parish office when completed by June 30, 2024. Thank you SO

**Newsletter Lifeline:** Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for June.  
*Do you have a June birthday to add?*



**HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!**

- May ~ 4 – Kathy Grabosky
- 11 – Kayla VanWichen
- 11 – Kaycee Ost
- 26 – Jennifer Petrie
- 29 – DeeAnn Howard

**Address Updates!**

**Cathy Black**  
Grandview Goodnow  
Cottages Rm 404  
3015 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Great Falls, MT  
59405

Cathy and Lila Licht are  
Phillips County  
neighbors again!

**Shirley Tribby**  
Rivers Bend  
PO Box 169  
Malta, MT 59538

Welcome Home  
Shirley!

UPDATE  
5/5/24  
MHS  
Quilts

5/12/24  
Confirmation on  
Mom's  
Day

**WELCA BOARD MEETING**

April 11, 2024

**Opening:** Jan Kirkwood opened our meeting with all saying the Purpose. There were 5 ladies present, Jan Kirkwood, Linda Soiseth, Lorna Schumacher, Elaine Enerson & Marlene Holman.

**Secretary minutes:** To the minutes we added Steve Schumacher gave the Bible Study at our March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Linda made a motion to accept, Lorna 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**Correspondence:** Flathead Bible Camp sent a letter stating that the Women's Retreat will be June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Julie Seymour.

**Treasurer report:** Elaine gave a detailed report with \$1669.83 in checking. Marlene made a motion to accept report as given and to pay bill, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**Committee & Action reports:** Jan reported there are 25 cotton, 21 polyester/cotton, & 6 polyester quilts. Jan reported she has \$73.11 on the Thrivent credit card.

**Community Witness/Justice:** Prayer Chain needs to be updated as some haven't been getting the calls. If you aren't on the list & want to be; call the church office. (406) 654-1434

**Old Business:** Easter flowers were delivered with no problems and all appreciated them. Easter breakfast went over very well. Thanks to Dave Skiff and all who worked on getting this together.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Quilt show & tell at the church went well. There were 15 people attend. All the quilts were beautiful. Thanks to the quilters.

**New Business:** Lila Licht has moved into the Grandview Goodnow Cottages and you can write to her using her daughter's address:

**345 Beth Drive, Great Falls, MT 59405**  
May 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Confirmation & Senior Sunday. Cakes will be ordered. There is one confirmand member, Regan Stuart and 8 Seniors; Elly Anderson, Tova Anderson, Samme Gibbs, Sydney Gibbs, Carson Ottinger, Gavin Slade, Clayton Hallenberg and Hunter Stolem.

**Next Board Meeting: Thurs. May 9<sup>th</sup> this will be our last meeting until fall. Enjoy the Summer!**  
1PM WELCA meeting 2PM Bible Study.

**Closing:** with all praying the *Lord's Prayer*.  
**Faithfully submitted by:** Marlene Holman



Holy Humor Polka Sunday special music was led by guest Sousaphone instrumentalist Roy McKenney, soloist Julie Nagy and accompanist on piano Nancy Murdock (hidden).

### **A Whole Lot of Special Music!**

The winter blues can often be chased away by music. We can all relate with the twirling of Julie Andrews with the ‘Hills are Alive’ into spring! We are blessed with many seasons of entertainment brought through Nancy Murdock and her students and by being part of the Worship & Music Ministry. Here is a list of those who have graced us so far in 2024...via text;

- ❖ Hannah Moes sang ‘Down to the River to Pray’ (in February)
- ❖ Shelby Snellman played ‘Ode to Joy’ on the piano (in February)
- ❖ Shelby Snellman and Addie Arnold sang ‘Amazing Grace’
- ❖ Cece Salsbury played piano and sang ‘Jesus Loves Me’
- ❖ Emmett Harms played guitar and sang ‘Amazing Grace’
- ❖ Macey and Tinley Lien sang ‘He Lives’ and ‘Hallelujah’ on Easter
- ❖ Scarlett Marino played the piano and sang ‘Do Lord’
- ❖ Roy McKenney played sousaphone on the polka hymns. (April 7<sup>th</sup>)

I had fun getting all this put together - music is more fun when shared!

Nancy Murdock



The MLC Kitchen was taken over by WELCA on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Pictured above are Rosemary Veseth and Marlene Holman assembling bouquets. Not pictured and part of the team was Linda Soiseth and Jan Kirkwood.



### **WELCA BOUQUETS**

The MLC WELCA assembled various Easter flower bouquets with cards for those at home and living at Rivers Bend. Personally delivered to each individual with a smile and a hope for spring time! Well done servants.



Pictured l to r: Keaton Kluck, Shaun and Shelby Snellman.

Thank you Mardy Demarais for the Palm cross making demonstration on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Glenda Knudsen for stepping-up and in to teach the Pre-confirmation class.