

The Epistle

Unity Lutheran Parish ~ May 2025

Monday
May 26th
2025



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From the Pastor

...Jesus stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

John 20:19

I love the fact that Jesus greets the disciples after he is raised from the dead and wants them to have the Shalom, the Peace.

The peace that Jesus is wishing them is more than a simple greeting.

As one pastor shares:

"Peace be with you." A greeting, yes, but not just, "Hi, how are you?" "Peace" is a huge biblical word. It refers to a wholeness, a completeness, a divine healing that envelopes people. It is a "peace that passes human understanding" (Philippians 4:7); it is "peace, not as the world gives" (John 14:27) -- not merely a lessening of conflict; not just a momentary break in the action -- but the great relief and security and hopefulness that comes from being in the presence of the God of love.

Passing the Peace in worship is, well, some like it and some don't. However, it is part of our Liturgy. So, when we do pass the peace during our worship service it is a bonding, a growing together in Christ, and a greeting in the name of Christ.

Thank you, Pastor Bass, for your thoughts:

"That greeting of the resurrected Lord to his disciples has always been one of the highlights of Christian worship, especially in the Holy Communion. It renews the gift of Peace on earth, offered to the world in his birth, and assures the people of God that the living Lord

is really present when the Christian community is gathered together in his name. That greeting, and what it conveys to people, can make a significant difference in the spirit of worship in any congregation."

By passing the peace during worship, we are reminding each other that we are in this ministry together and with God's guidance we will share the love of Jesus and be about good ministry with each other.

We are also wishing the best that God has to offer to those we greet with "Peace be with you." "Peace be with You." "And also, with you."

Pastor Bob

Confirmation Class News!!! **Malta**

No confirmation classes for the summer. Students who are working to be confirmed members, you can work on your sermon notes during the summer also.

Whitewater

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Scripture discovery

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

In May 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

Prayer Time throughout the month

Pray for the students who are finishing up their school year.

Pray for the graduates as they venture into the new chapter of their life.

Pray for the teachers and administrators, that as they finish this School year, and that they can rest and recoup to teach next school year.

Pray that peace will grow in the world.

Rejoice as we celebrate Our Risen Lord.



Secretary Note: With the May Affirmation of Baptism and Graduation fast upon us, it's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Contact Mariah Marino or me. Thanks SO

Newsletter Lifeline: Friday, May 23rd
for June 2025!

Do you have a June birthday to add?

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!



4 – Kathy Grabofsky
11 – Kayla VanWichen
11 – Kaycee Ost
18 – Joyce Simser
26 – Jennifer Petrie
29 – DeeAnn Howard



**Monday July 14th to
Thursday July 17th
at Malta Lutheran Church
with St. Mary's Catholic!**

We are excited to announce that St. Mary's Catholic Church will be joining us again this year! We will have 3 FLBC Councilors and 30 spots available. Campers must be going into 1st grade thru 6th grade. It will be a fun week of learning Bible Stories, songs and fun crafts. Sign up PDF (2) one for MLC & one for FLBC forms available to print unitylutheranparish.com under News & Forms. If you have any questions, please contact Mariah Marino at 760-625-6173 to reserve a spot or volunteer. Thank you.

WELCA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Opening: Jan Kirkwood opened the meeting at 1pm with all reciting The Purpose. There were 4 ladies present, Elaine Enerson, Marlene Holman, Sharon Kindle & Jan Kirkwood.

Secretary minutes: The Thursday, March 14th, 2025, minutes were read and passed as written.

Treasurer report: Elaine gave a detailed report of the checking & saving accounts. 5 kids are going to Flathead Lutheran Bible camp, Shelby Snellman, Shaun Snellman, Keaton Kluck, Scarlett Marino, and & Nolan Moore. Marlene made a motion to accept treasurer report, 2nd by Sharon and passed.

Community Reports: Jan reported that there are 20 all cotton quilts on hand. LWR shipping fund March 30th was \$157.00. Thanks to everyone that participated. Prayer chain: call the church office if you want your name on.

Old Business: Easter vases, we have enough for Wed. April 16th. Marlene ordered flowers and Elaine & Jan helped getting flowers ready for delivery. They were delivered. Lorna came and rode with Marlene.

**New Business: Blood Drive Thurs. April 24th
@Malta Event Center** (old Armory) We are in charge. We need to be there by 10:30am 1st shift: Jan Kirkwood & 1:30pm 2nd shift: Sharon Kindle.
Sandwiches (4 loaves) Jan Kirkwood, Sharon Kindle, Mardy Demarais & Elaine Enerson.
Cookies or Bars (4 dozen) Marlene Holman, Lorna Schumacher & Sarah Osmundson.

Confirmation May 4th. Confirmands:

Hadley Hammond, Keaton Kluck, Miracle Love, Shaun Snellman, Shelby Snellman & Chevelle Stiles.

Graduation Recognition/Quilts.

Graduates: Ava Hanson, Lane Salvesson, Kohner Schipman & Stockton Oxarart.

Next Board Meeting: Thur. May 8th

1pm WELCA meeting & 2pm Bible Study. **June, July and August no meetings, enjoy summer!**

Closing: with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Faithfully submitted by: Marlene Holman

Signs of the Times Sign in the Church Nursery:

"We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." — 1 Cor. 15: 51

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Help Wanted: Camp Nurse

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is looking for a Registered Nurse for the 2nd half of our summer programs. This is a paid position. Come enjoy a great community and a beautiful place to spend a few weeks this summer. If you are interested, please email our Program Director, Karen Ramage at karen@flbc.net

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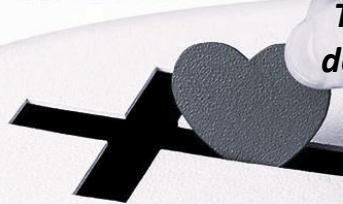
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SPRING STYLE SHOW

& salad luncheon

Fundraiser for the
P.C. Historical Society
Tickets available at Family
Matters \$20 adult \$5 children
(age 5 and under).
Sunday, May 4th 1:00pm
GN Lodge Room.

*Storewide 20% off at Family Matters
following the show.*



A Touch From God

June 5th to 7th

Pastor Stephen George

7 pm River's Bend

Assisted Living

Malta, MT

Pastor Stephen George will be at the River's Bend Assisted Living in Malta on Thursday June 5th to Saturday June 7th at 7:00pm each night. He has traveled preaching the Gospel of Jesus, throughout the nations of the world. He has been honored by many dignitaries, and has preached conferences, and crusades with signs and wonders following, just as Jesus promised. He has led close to a million souls to the saving redemption knowledge, that called His name.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Ephesians 3:20

Til this day the same passion that was ignited for winning souls, still burns in his heart. Pastor Stephen believes, "souls are the heartbeat of God," and with this thought in mind he continues to minister throughout the world.

For more information contact:

Dennis Goodheart 406-855-7066



"Let's take the corn flakes just in case."

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Thank you to Laura Pankratz and the Phillips Transit Authority for the bus ride to the Maundy Thursday worship at Whitewater Lutheran Church on April 17th. It was a beautiful evening to see the green countryside with calves, antelope and those nasty deer on the way home.

Pictured l to r: Dale Enerson, Rick Mikkelsen, Elaine Enerson, Frances Demarais, Peggy Salois, Sharon Kindle, Sarah Osmundson, Carol Schumacher and Diana Mastel. Party Bus!