



### **Family Event**

Please plan to join us at the church on Saturday, May 7th at 11am for a family event that will include an Easter Egg hunt for the kiddos AND a tribute to all the mothers out there in honor of Mother's Day.

### **A new faith-based nonprofit is forming in Henry County**

They are looking for people who are mission-oriented who would like to get involved in a service organization to help fill unmet needs in our communities. This opportunity is a wonderful way to serve others but also allows you to begin from the ground up, as the organization is formed, making critical decisions as the project takes shape. The eventual goal is to develop a service group that can qualify for 501c3 status, which will greatly help fund the work.

Initially, you would be asked to meet with other like-minded people from various faith-based groups and/or social service groups. The group will work with the guidance of a group facilitator to determine what specific area of help to focus on.

If you think you would like to be part of this important team, or you have questions, please contact Pastor Robb.

### **The Gathering**

Our women's Bible study group, The Gathering, meets the last Friday of the month, and will meet again Friday, May 27, at the home of Barbara Little. All women are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Barbara Little or Debbie Lundell.

### **Online Morning Prayer**

Join Pastor Robb as he prays Morning Prayer live on St. Luke's Facebook page on Wednesday mornings. The live service begins at 9:15 am. If you can't catch it at 9:15, video will be available after the initial livestream.

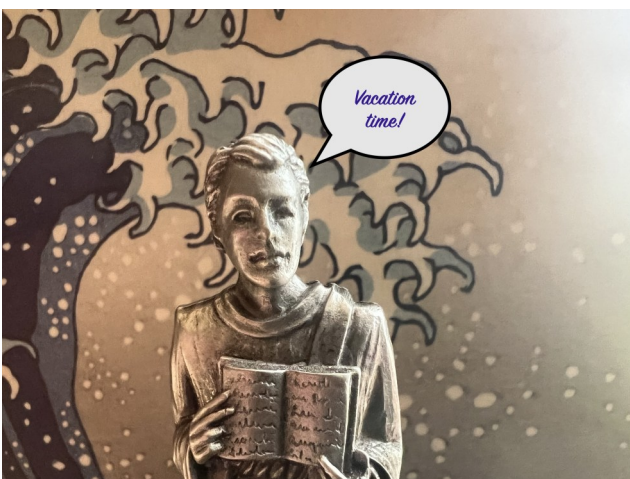


*Are you traveling this summer? Want to promote our church while having a little fun?*

*Take St. Luke With You!*

**How does it work?**

1. **Sign-up** on the calendar in the narthex to take the mini St. Luke statue with you on a trip or other fun activity in May, June, or July.
2. While on your trip, take at least one photo a day of St. Luke enjoying activities with you. **BE CREATIVE!**
3. **Each day, send the photo to Pr. Robb via email or text.** Include your location and activity. The photo will be shared to the church's social media accounts.
4. When you return, **get the statue back to the church as soon as possible** so that it may go to the next person who signed up.
5. Even if you aren't traveling or doing anything fun this summer, **LIKE and SHARE** the posts on your social media feeds so we can show the world that our church both prays hard AND plays hard!

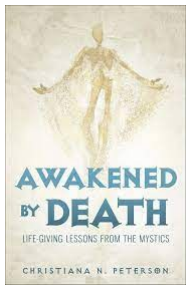


## Spring and Summer Reading



A NOTE FROM PR. ROBB

It has been quite some time since I have shared a reading list with you all, but with summer around the corner, I thought I'd give you a glimpse of what I have been reading or am intending to read in the coming months.



*Awakened by Death: Life-Giving Lessons from the Christian Mystics*, Christiana Peterson

An exploration of how modern treatments of death have stripped the mystery and meaning from our own mortality, and how healthy engagement with our mortality through the lens of faith can help us live more fully.



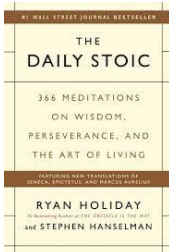
*The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music*, Dave Grohl

A musician who has played in two of the most influential rock bands of the last 30 years (Nirvana and the Foo Fighters), Grohl tells stories from his extraordinary life and career that demonstrates how life is made up of seemingly ordinary moments.



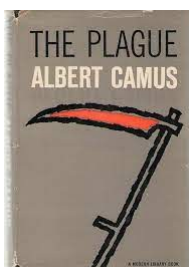
*The City is My Monastery: A Contemporary Rule of Life*, Richard Carter

Richard Carter tells how he left a contemplative Anglican religious community in the Solomon Islands to serve a large church in London, where he and his community seek God in service and contemplation amongst the bustle of Trafalgar Square.



*The Daily Stoic: 365 Meditations on Wisdom, Perseverance, and the Art of Living*, Ryan Holiday and Stephen Hanselman

Ryan Holiday has brought the philosophy of luminaries such as Epictetus, Marcus Aurelius, and Seneca back to our modern world as conversation partners. Each day offers a nugget of wisdom from the Stoics and brief reflection.



*The Plague*, Albert Camus

Because after the last two years, why not?! A plague sweeps through French Algeria in the 1940s, while people struggle to make sense of their world.

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **May 1 Philip and James, Apostles**

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

### **May 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373**

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

### **May 4 Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387**

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

### **May 8 Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416**

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

### **May 8 Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF)**

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

### **May 9 Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760**

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

### **May 14 Matthias, Apostle**

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

### **May 18 Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160**

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

### **May 21 Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330**

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

## Upcoming Commemorations (continued)

### May 24 Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

### May 27 John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564

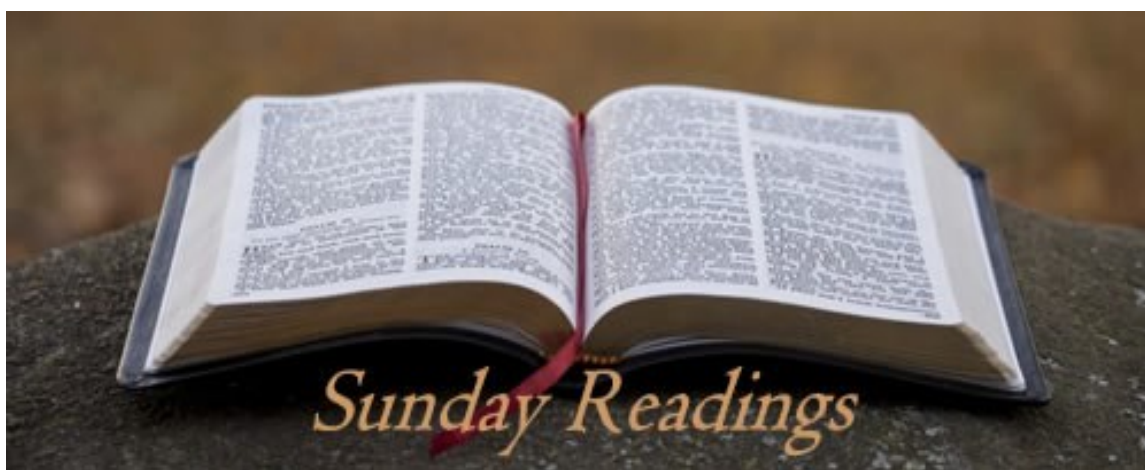
Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

### May 29 Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

### May 31 Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.



#### May 1

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

#### May 8

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

#### May 15

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

#### May 22

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5  
John 14:23-29

#### May 29

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

## May 2022 Sunday Servants

### May 1

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### May 8

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Egas Family

### May 15

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### May 22

Assistant: Mary Shulack

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

### May 29

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Judy Owen

Ushers: Ed and Judy Joyner

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaning: The Joyners and the Sparrows

## June 2022 Sunday Servants

### June 5

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### June 12

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Clearers: The Egas Family

### June 19

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### June 26

Assistant: Mary Shulack

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Clearers: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace



# PRAYER REQUESTS

The family and friends of Arnold Rettig; Chong Brauer; Rick and Dorothy Bradberry; Mike Scott and family; Jana Justice; Noel Peek; LaMont Sudduth; Shirley Jones; the Adair Family; Shawn Hiltunen Johnston and family; Nilgul Taylor; Jeffrey Wedge; Erin Lannen; Rick and Jamie Gray; Mike Gassaway; Charlotte Baldwin; Jan Hammons; Mariya King;

## **Ongoing Requests**

Morgan and Jordan, Heather and Sierra, Lenore and Family, Corey Sease, Gigi's House

## **Healthcare Workers and First Responders**

Mallory Lively, Cindy Gourley, Janet Neese, Dottie Ogaz, Christy Adams, Lauren Corcoran, Jeremy Hutchinson, Danielle Harrell, Nick Ludley, Eddie Lopez, Elga Dhillon, Mikki Jackels, Bobby Swanger, Damen Denzin

## **Those Serving in the Armed Forces**

Mallory Lively, US Navy; Connor Roberts, USMC

*If you have any prayer requests, please let Pastor Robb or Susan know so that they may be included on this list.*

# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Matins (online) 9:15 am	5	6	7 <b>Family Event 11 am</b> AA 9 am
8 Worship 11 am	9 Al-Anon 12 pm	10	11 Matins (online)	12	13	14 AA 9 am
15 Worship 11 am	16 Al-Anon 12 pm	17	18 Matins (online) 9:15 am	19	20	21 AA 9 am
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22 Worship 11 am	23 Al-Anon 12 pm	24	25 Matins (online) 9:15 am	26	27	28 AA 9 am
29 Worship 11 am	30 Al-Anon 12 pm Deadline for news- letter submissions	1	2 Matins (online) 9:15 am	3	4	5 AA 9 am