

MAY

Life Line

Paul's Perspectives:



Trees are beginning to bud and leaf out. Birds are busy building nests and laying their eggs. Flowers are beautifying the landscapes. Carpets of green arise out of the drab browns of once snow-covered lawns. The 'Merry Month of May' is upon us with its oft-forgotten May Day, never dare be forgotten Mother's Day, and its grand and hallowed remembrances on Memorial Day.

We welcome the warming winds of late Spring, and early Summer. We ready ourselves for beach going, vacations, camping, swimming, and all manner of outside festivities - with picnics and barbeques. May is a great month to be alive and enjoy living after a long cold and dark Winter's sequester.

Is there a soul so dead - that they cannot rejoice in such a time as this? Yes, there are other glories to enjoy in the other months and seasons of our years, but may it be, that May is never taken for granted. It is truly a gift from God - filled with new life, new plans, bright flowers, renewal and resurrections, budding shade trees, blossoming orchards, sprouting gardens, planting of crops, and longer hours of sunlight. Do we not have so very many things to be thankful for?

It is a good time to remember that God brought all this beauty into being. God is the creator of life, and love, and all good things. This world has been 'made to order' - for the sustaining of plant, animal and human life. This is not an accident or freak of nature. This world is a complex and an astounding formulation of intricacies that boggle even the greatest minds. A great Divine Mind, motivated by love, compassion, and a magnificent wisdom - made all that we appreciate so much - to come into being - and to prosper, replenish, reproduce, and fill the earth to overflowing.

This is a time to worship, not the sun, but the God who placed it where it is, and sent whirling planets in their orbits, with the one we inhabit precisely so that there is a May, and a December, warm waters, and ice packed poles, seasons that change - for without change of any sort there is monotony and dreary dullness.

This is a month for recharging of so-called human batteries. The best way I know of recharging ourselves is to take time to remember our Creator. Thank Him! Worship with His people. Pray for His mercy and blessing and serve Him by helping others.

God bless you all!

Pastor Paul





Worship Hour continues to be broadcast live on the church's Facebook page and a recording of the latest service will continue to be posted weekly to the church's website www.fccrochesterwis.org.

Bible Study - *Evening Bible study meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 7:00 pm.*
We are studying the book of Revelation.

Sunday, May 1st - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music by our Choir.

Sunday, May 8th - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music by Rose Seeger on chimes.

Sunday School after Children's Time. (*Happy Mother's Day*)

Church Yard Clean Up and Cook Out!

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, our church will have a church yard clean up day!
We are looking for volunteers to help!

If you have a rake, shovel, gloves, and a happy attitude please join us!
A cookout will follow!



Sunday, May 15th - Choir practice at 9:15 am. 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music by our Choir.
Spring Business Meeting of the Congregation and Coffee Hour will follow the service.

Monday, May 16th - 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting.

Sunday, May 22nd - 10:15 am Worship Hour. Special Music by our Choir and Jubilee.
Sunday School after Children's Time.

Saturday, May 28th - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Church Rummage Sale.

Sunday, May 29th - Memorial Sunday. Choir practice at 9:15 am. Worship is at 10:15 am.
Special Music by Jubilee and our Choir.



Monday, May 30th - MEMORIAL DAY

Rochester Cemetery Observance TBD.

Luncheon served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Parade at 1:30 pm.

Riverside Park Program is at 2:00 pm.



Lectionary Readings

5/1 Acts 9: 1-6, 7-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

5/8 Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

5/15 Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

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

5/29 Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17: 20-26



Prayers and Concerns



COVID19 Responders and Caregivers

Victims of Terrorism

Victims and volunteers of natural disasters worldwide

Our Nation's Leaders

All military personnel and their families

Casa Bernabe Orphanage

Aga Dahms, recovery

Rachel Frashingbauer

Jim, Christine Gall's Father

Julie Gren

Oscar Jacobs

Tom and Lynn Koeper

Neely McNeal

Dan Medkalf

Stephanie Mutz

Matthew Olson

Julie Pagan

Torin Philips

Reid Shamus

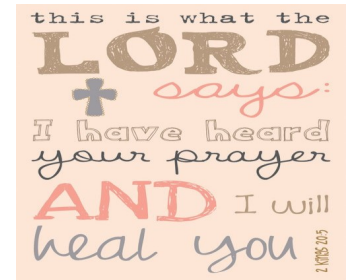
Jack and Jeanie Smith

7 year old Clinton

Barbara

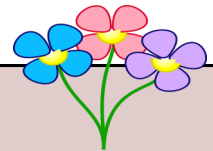
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Pray for the Ukrainian people.



Health Care Facilities:

**Jean Moyer has returned to her old address.
Oak Park Place 1700 Tuet Road
Apt. 1118
Burlington, WI 53105**



COUNCIL MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS

Patons Report

- All Lenten Services went well.
- April 29th-30th was the National Congregational Meeting. Reverend Ray plans to attend at least one, if not two of the days.

Treasurer's Report

- For the month of March, 2022: Deposits (income) were \$7,437 and withdrawals (expenses) were \$10,880.

Worship Committee

- On Saturday, August 27th, the Church will have their Annual Ice Cream Social.

Fellowship Commission

- Sunday, May 15th - Coffee hour for Spring quarterly meeting.

Mission Commission

- Monday, May 16th - We are scheduled to serve another meal at Love, Inc. The time will from 4:30-5:30pm. Love will begin serving meals in the dining area provided. People can enjoy their meal at the site instead of picking up and taking it home.
- Church Rummage Sale will be held the Saturday weekend of Memorial Day. Items are already being collected and in the basement.

IT/Marketing Committee

- The church is getting great response on Facebook.

(Next Council Meeting is Monday, May 16 at 7:00 PM)



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*“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20*

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May 2022



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 9:15 Choir practice 10:15 am Church Special Music by our Choir	2 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6	7
8 10:15 am Church Special Music by Rose Seeger / Sunday School Happy Mother's Day!	9 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13	14 Church Clean-up 8am-2pm
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22 10:15 am Church Special Music by Jubilee/ Sunday School	23 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	24	25	26	27	28 Rummage Sale 9:00 am—3:00 pm
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Pastor Ray's Office Hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

