

## Pastor's Message

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Philippians 2:4 Hebrews 13:16 Galatians 6:2

These are three of many, many, verses in scripture telling us to help others. Jesus sums this up with his command to "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

So, how do we love one another? By helping others in need as we would want to be helped if we were in need.

Last month was filled with tragedy. The war in Ukraine continues past the third month. The country has been devastated by bombing and artillery shelling. These are not only soldiers fighting soldiers. All of Ukraine's population has been affected. Hospitals are targeted as are schools, even kindergartens and preschools. The most vulnerable are killed. Cities and housing areas are demolished leaving millions of civilians to become refugees or killed. The reaction of the world's nations has been to create economic hardships for Russia. Very little in comparison has been done to help the Ukrainian forces battle Russia. But, we have prayed for them.

On May 24, 2022, an eighteen year old entered Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas with weapons and a lot of ammunition. He began shooting eleven-year-old fourth graders and two teachers. Heavily armed law enforcement officers waited over an hour to engage the gunman. During that time he killed 19 children and two teachers and wounded others. But, we have prayed for them.

Jesus calls us to pray for each other, and he gave us the example of praying often.

But, Jesus did something else. He personally touched the lepers and healed them. He fed the hungry, gave sight to the blind, made the lame walk, and even raised the dead. He gave us an example to act. Prayer is a wonderful act of love and I am a believer in the effects of prayer. I have witnessed the impact of God's love and compassion through prayer.

But, praying to God is more than asking God to do something on behalf of yourself or for someone else. When you pray for yourself or someone else, pray for God to give you the wisdom and knowledge

to do his will in loving another as Jesus loves you. The example Jesus gave us is to pray and then to use our hands to touch, feed, and help as we are able.

Peace to you in Christ Jesus, Pastor David

#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2	Lori Meyer
6	Ron Loesch
6	Rose Strobel
8	Luke Frasher
8	Becky Weber
8	Jason Wood
9	Jahanna Koestner
10	Brenda Heidbreder
11	Roger Pennell
13	Larah Russell
13	Patricia Collins
14	Stacy Bubach
14	Kelly Grunden
15	Abby Bubach
15	Leland Stewart
16	Andrew Steele
18	Heather Morgans
19	Kate Freiner
20	Denny Linhardt
20	Bethanee Plochberger
20	Dalton Garner
27	Shirley Loesch
28	Gary Hanks
28	Angie Stubinger
29	Laurie Koestner
30	Price Tschirgi



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2	Lori & Paul Meyer	1990
6	Abbie & Paula Linsenbardt	1981
7	Jonathan & Laura Kalaf	2014
7	Gary & Audrey Bunch	1975
12	Richard & Rosemary Heidbreder	1976
12	Leon & Elda Pistel	1965
13	Andrew & Kara Richart	2019
13	Kevin & Tracy Pistel	2015
18	Nicole & Andy Benne	1994
22	Jake & Sonya Loesch	2019
27	Scott & Cori Soell	1986
27	Delores & Robert Vlach	1981

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month/Day	Attendance Phys./Virtual	Offering
MAY 01	77 / 153	\$3,309.00
MAY 08	86 / 106	\$4,093.30
MAY 15	69 / 113	\$3,746.00
MAY 22	75 / 151	\$1,998.00
MAY 29	60 / 120	\$1,298.00

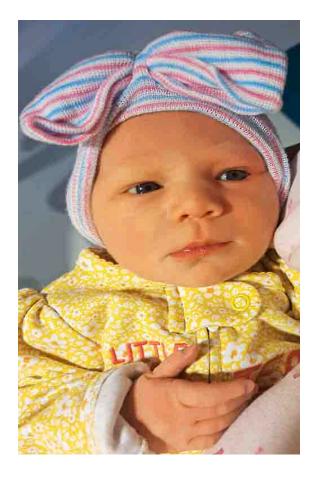
#### In Addition:

Doors / Windows Project Fund - \$2500.00

Special thanks to Richard and Rosemary Heidbreder for their 46th wedding anniversary gift of \$4,600.00

Continued prayers for healing and comfort. Sharon Wyss, Barbara Hickey, Vanessa Pyatt, Jahanna Koestner, Julie Carel, Donna Viles, and Gary Zumwalt

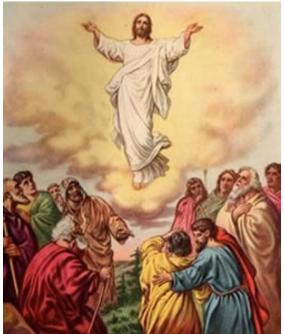
Meet DaisyRae Valie Linhardt, born May 18, 2022. This precious girl is the daughter of Ryan & Lizzie Linhardt. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21.5 inches long. Congratulations Linhardt family!!!



#### Ask the Pastor

Question: Why isn't there more emphasis in Church for Ascension Day of our Lord?

**Answer:** Hmmm, great question!



The Ascension of our Lord, Jesus the Christ, is the day he publicly and visually ascends (goes to) the kingdom of God, or what we call Heaven.

We profess our faith each Sunday when we say in the Apostle's Creed; "On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead."

The ascension happened forty days after Jesus was risen from the tomb, after he had been crucified for our sake.

This is ten days before Pentecost Sunday, the first Sunday of June when we hear the how the Apostles will receive the Holy Spirit as Jesus had told them.

This was once a common day of worship for many Christians of different faith practices. It was once an important day of worship called, Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Day, Ascension Thursday, and sometimes Holy Thursday.

It is important as it is the continued witness of Jesus resurrection, and just as importantly, it is the beginning of the Apostles going out into the world to share the good news of Jesus' resurrection as Jesus commands. The story is found in the first chapter of Acts and Jesus tells them, "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

So, to the question of why this day does not have the emphasis in the Church as it once did. The emphasis has probably been lost due to the fact it is celebrated on a Thursday, which is always 40 days after Easter Sunday. Unfortunately, the world pulls us away with temptations of what we should want which doesn't include worship of God. The world tells us we only need to worship God for an hour a week. Some churches have moved the day of ascension to Sunday, which solves the conflict. Go out this day and remember Jesus' Ascension.

Grace and Peace to you,
Pastor David

## Congregational Council Meeting, May 9, 2022 Respectfully submitted by Frank Pascoe

- † A regular monthly meeting of St. Paul's Church Council was called to order at 6:08 PM by President Zola Finch. Present were members Stacy Bubach, Jana Thompson, Kathy Meller, Delores Vlach, Mitch Plochberger, Laurie Koestner, and Frank Pascoe. Absent was Dan Tschirgi. Also present were Pastor David Viles and Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe.
- † The meeting began with a prayer and devotion by Pastor Viles. Pastor's devotion was an interesting story entitled "Three Pieces of Advice Man's Wise Choice". A story which taught us: 1. Never take shortcuts in your life. Shorter or unknown paths can cost your life. 2. Never be too curious, for curiosity towards evil can be deadly. 3. Never make decisions in moments of anger or pain because when you repent it could be too late."
- † The President called for approval of the previous Council minutes which had been distributed to all members after the April meeting. This was agreed to upon a motion offered by Kathy Meller, seconded by Laurie Koestner, and approved via voice.

- † The President called upon Church Treasurer Kay Pascoe to present the Church's current monthly financial statement. Kay presented a four-page analysis of current spending and income. Various questions concerning the month's details were entertained and responded to by the Treasurer.
- † The President called upon Pastor Viles to present his April report. Pastor requested no mileage reimbursement for April. His Pastoral report detailed eight meetings with various internal and external groups. His ministerial activities included three baptisms, preparation of eight service bulletins, as well as the April Epistle.

### President Finch called upon the various Committee Chairpersons to present their monthly reports:

**Evangelism:** Chairperson Delores Vlach thanked Donita Stubinger and family and WELCA for hosting the recent fellowship coffee with their tasty breakfast of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, muffins, fruit and juices. Delores announced an upcoming May 22d event will celebrate the Church's graduating students from High School and College. Cards will be sent to all.

**Technology:** President Finch reported that parishioner Bill Gerth has volunteered to assist with the Sunday soundboard system as needed. She also reported that Technology Chairman Dan Tschirgi has said that no sales have taken place as hoped for the outdated soundboard equipment. It will be decided later to sell, discard or donate, if possible, the items of equipment.

Worship & Music: Chairperson Kathy Meller reported no committee meeting was held in April. Pastor Viles sent out the hymn choices for June, as did some other committee members. Kathy said she was highly pleased with the various Lenten services and especially the one with the baptisms. Setting Eight in the hymnal has been chosen for the upcoming Pentecost season. Pentecost begins on June 5th. A short cemetery service will be held there on Memorial Day, May 29th. Flags will celebrate the graves of our various veterans.

Parish Education: Chairperson Laurie Koestner reported her pleasure at the Easter Day activities. The Easter Egg hunt event was especially well enjoyed with high attendance of the children on that Sunday. Laurie reported that the regular Sunday School has been little attended in recent weeks. Fall opening of a new Sunday school year is currently being planned.

**Church Improvement:** Chairman Mitch Plochberger reported that the order for the new doors has gone forward. No specific delivery day is currently known. Council members discussed possible ways and methods of disposing of the old doors. No decision was made at this time. Mitch reported that he has delayed for the moment window replacement orders because additional measurement decisions must be decided. Several questions were raised regarding the proposed updating and renovation of the Kitchen. The Council members briefly entertained various ideas for funding the proposed kitchen renovation, and the bids for it going forward.

Stewardship & Finance: Chair Stacy Bubach indicated the need to obtain information and procedural details from the Church's Financial Recording Secretary Marie Scheperle on her methods for recording collections and financial donations. This information is needed in an ongoing effort to provide adequate and continuing backup for this process. President Finch suggested we might prepare a "Financial Manual" to detail all financial record keeping. Stacy will move forward on gaining this information from the Financial Recording Secretary and from the Church Treasurer as well. A motion was made to designate Council President Zola Finch as a signer of routine church cheques when the Church Treasurer, Kay Pascoe, is unavailable to do so. This motion was made by Stacy Bubach, seconded by Laurie Koestner, and passed unanimously.

**Mutual Ministry:** Chairperson Jana Thompson reported no April committee meeting. She reported that efforts are ongoing to get local area businesses and institutions to advertise our Blessing Box. Pastor Viles reported that the use of the Blessing Box continues to be at a very good level. Marie Scheperle has helped keep its contents up to date. There is a need for infant items and especially diapers. The Council discussed various ways we might obtain these needed items. A note will be

placed in some Sunday Bulletins to urge our parishioners to donate these needed items to keep the Blessing Box at capacity. President Finch suggested we might contact and work with the Mid-Missouri Diaper Bank for information.

**Old Business:** President Finch thanked parishioner Becky Weber for her ongoing work on an area Resource Guide. The Church Secretary has typed up the latest version and proof copies were shown to the Council members. This will be made available shortly for distribution among our congregation and in local situations.

**New Business:** The Council discussed at some length issues with the upcoming new security system and the necessity for new church entrance keys to replace those presently held. When locked, entering the Church will require access to the security code to silence the alarm system. How this is to be accomplished needs to be addressed.

At the meeting the members were made aware by Pastor Viles of the need to make strangers visiting the Church grounds at odd hours of their being noted and recorded on security cameras. This came about in a recent occurrence of an evening visit by a couple visiting the grounds and cemetery in a rather mischievous attitude. The Council discussed the need for a sign to be placed in a prominent location to make strangers aware of the security cameras and their being filmed. Pastor's safety was an expressed concern of Council members. No decision was made at this time on a specific location of the needed sign.

President Finch called the meeting at an end at 7:25 PM. Pastor Viles led the Council in a recitation of the Our Father.

## Margaret Circle: Erika Gerth

Margaret Circle will meet on Thursday, June 23rd at the home of Kay Pascoe, 2828 Half Street in Lohman, for the Circle's annual salad supper. Gathering time is 6:00 PM. Each person is asked to bring a salad of their choice to share. If history is an indication of what we can expect, this is sure to be another scrumptious culinary event! Following the meal, Ruth Stubinger will lead us in the study of God's Holy Word. Please RSVP to Kay at kpfp@tranquility.net or give her a call at 573-782-3478. All women are welcome!

## **Mobile Food Pantry: Audrey Bunch**

The May 10th Mobile Food Pantry was held in Russellville at the Trinity Lutheran parking lot. It was a very hot day to volunteer 93 degrees, sunshine and the wind was blowing. Thanks to all the volunteers that help work and serve 142 families with 388 people in those families. Some of the items given out were: cereal, sunflower seeds, Produce boxes (blue berries, carrots, liquid eggs, mushrooms, onions, organic milk, potatoes, salad kits), Pringles chips, garlic sauce, chili beans, refried beans, frozen French fries, and frozen Banquet dinners. Volunteers from St. Paul's Lutheran were Rosemary Heidbreder, Dan Tschirgi, Becky Weber and Gary & Audrey Bunch. Next Mobile Food Pantry will be held June 14th.

## Jr. Lutherans: Donita Stubinger

Jr. Lutherans made Mother's Day Bouquets on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 2:30 pm as gifts for their speacial persons. They created a charming bouquet of pinecone flowers arranged in a vase and given to 15 smiling faces to brighten their day. Then the energetic little youngsters took off to play on the playground. We appreciate Rosemary Heidbreder for all the wonderful pinecones for this project. The happiest of all the kids was David Russell who got to make cinnamon rolls to serve everyone attending for their afternoon snack. Some were also sent home to their families to enjoy on Sunday morning. Thank you Dave for our mouth watering treats.

On Sunday, June 26th, we are planning a fishing trip at Wasserlauf, hosted by Craig and Angie Stubinger to enjoy fishing with our families and grandparents. A fish fry will follow. Watch the bulletin for more information.





As we venture into July, Roger Pennell has asked the Jr. Lutherans to help with the placing of flags on the graves for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July day celebrations on Wednesday, June 29. Afterward, we will enjoy a wiener roast. More information will be posted in the bulletin. Also calls will go out to ask if you can help.

Don't forget about the delicious cinnamon rolls for the fellowship breakfast on Sunday morning, July 3, 2022 after church services. Volunteers are needed for refreshments, helpers in the afternoon, and early evening to help with the WELCA food stands.

#### **STARS:**

Our STARS group met on May 4 with 25 in attendance. Audrey purchased a delicious large ham and Donita baked it to perfection. She decorated it with pineapple rings and cherries and it was a Martha Steward presentation. Marcus Busch, Chuck Angerer and Adam Ziegelbein from Central Missouri Associates gave an interesting program describing insurance and investment products available through Thrivent. On June 1, Jeremy Amick will be with us to introduce his latest book, Hidden History of Cole County, which happens to feature a Lohman picture on the front cover. If you plan to attend, please give Rose Strobel a call at 782-4553 to make a reservation by Monday, May 30.

**Note:** July STARS will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup>, the second Wednesday of the month.

## Women of the ELCA Mid-Missouri Spring Cluster Meeting 4/30/022— Erika Gerth

On a rainy Saturday morning in late April, Donita Stubinger, Marie Scheperle, Donna Viles, Trish Russell and Erika Gerth set out for Stover, MO to attend the Mid-Missouri Spring Cluster Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Pyrmont.

Donita drove, Marie navigated, the rain dissipated and our attention was drawn to the lush Amish countryside including the horse drawn carriages and their drivers. An hour later we arrived at our destination, a charming church, complete with its own cemetery (made us feel right at home!) and an adjacent fellowship hall in which our meeting took place.

Prior to the morning's agenda we enjoyed coffee, fruit and cinnamon rolls. Gladys Moll's cheerful "Welcome to the country!" was an appropriate greeting considering the church's beautiful rural surroundings! She commented that throughout church history, women gathered for fellowship, worship, Bible study and mission, just as Women of the ELCA do today.

The morning's Bible study, based on the story of the Good Samaritan, told of a young mother with five children who was in desperate need of assistance.

Several people paid no attention to her plight, and as was the case with the injured man in Luke's gospel, this mom's help came from a very unlikely source.

We were privileged to hear Dillon Yelton, Executive Administrator of the Segrada Scholarship Bible Camp, share the history of the camp and its mission. Camp Segrada is located at Lake of the Ozarks near Lincoln, MO. It was established in 1997 to serve children of incarcerated parents as well as kids identified as high-risk, thanks to collaboration with Angel Tree Ministries and Chuck Colson's Prison

Fellowship Ministry. The camp is funded entirely by donations from churches and individuals and has only four paid staff. Individuals, some of whom had themselves been campers at Segrada, volunteer their time as camp counselors. Each camper receives a Bible and faith formation is an important aspect of the camping experience, which is totally free to the young person.

Forty-one women representing eleven churches in the Mid-Missouri Cluster brought numerous items for which Segrada Camp had expressed a need. Upon departure, the Yelton's truck was filled with paper towels, cleaning supplies, disinfecting wipes, batteries, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, paper napkins, brooms, dustpans and so much more!

Lunch provided not only a delicious meal but also time to reconnect with friends not seen in the past months. Soon we were called together for the traditional after-lunch hymn sing, which focused on songs dealing with the beauty of creation and especially flowers. This group of forty-one women definitely made a joyful noise unto the Lord which, in this writer's opinion, rivaled choirs found in much larger churches!

During the business meeting we learned about the upcoming 34th Annual Convention of the Central States Synodical Women of the ELCA to be held July 22-24, 2022 in Overland Park, KS. The day's offering totaled \$650.00 of which Segrada Scholarship Camp received \$325.00. The remaining \$325.00 was sent to the Central States Women of the ELCA to support its work in providing numerous resources for spiritual growth including on-line Bible studies, newsletters, and scholarships for those wishing to attend synodical conventions and so much more.

All agreed that this was a very meaningful event and we look forward to the fall cluster meeting scheduled for September 24, 2022 at Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church in Sedalia. Mark your calendars, Ladies, and plan to attend - you will be glad you did!

## **WELCA: Donita Stubinger**

The Women of the ELCA served breakfast on Sunday, May 2, 2022 for the Fellowship Hour after worship. The Mobility Worldwide, Executive director, Gary Moreau, gave a presentation about the hand driven carts they make and provide to people who are unable to walk. The carts are produced in Columbia, MO by volunteers including some from Jefferson City. We thank Thrivent for paying for the breakfast, and we want to thank everyone who came to support this organization. The WELCA group donated \$1000.00, Margaret Circle donated \$300.00, and everyone attending donated an additional \$718.00 for a grand total of \$2,081.00. We enjoyed watching Pastor David, Devin Koestner, and Madeline Stubinger demonstrate the cart. We sincerely want to thank the Women of the Church for helping put this breakfast together. The WELCA are looking forward to serving you again at the 4th of July celebration. Along with the Jr. Lutherans and the Youth Group, we will display two refreshment stands. One will be located near the front steps as in the past, and the other one will be located in the church basement where it is cool for your dining pleasure.









After the Mobility Carts presentation, Virginia Linhardt gave Marlene Carlson a doll Virginia had purchased many years in the past. This doll belonged to Marlene when she was a little girl. How amazing and wonderful to receive a childhood doll from a special doll collector in our church.

Marlene was surprised and amazed to be able to hold this doll again and have it returned to her after so many years of being lost.

Thank you Virginia Linhardt, I'm sure there are many stories to be told about all of the dolls you have in your collection.

# Concert Schedule

## NOTES:

Thanks to Gus Fischer for mowing the church hill.

Christ in our Home devotion booklets are available in the rack. (July, Aug., & Sept.)

TEAM VBS will be held on July 10-14 at Trinity Church in Russellville

St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hatler St., Russellville	May 31, 2022
Ha Ha Tonka, Castle, Route D, Camdenton*	June 7, 2022
Eldon Air Park, Eldon (Baptist Church Rain Location) *	June 14, 2022
West Lake Christian Church, Route O, Laurie	June 21, 2022
United Church of Christ, 101 N Oak (Hwy 87), California	June 28, 2022
Hope Lutheran Chapel Sokoll Bldg., 5709 Osage Beach Parkway	July 12, 2022
First Christian Church, East Capitol Ave., Jefferson City	July 19, 2022
Versailles Royal Theatre, Versailles	June 26, 2022
Lake Ozark Christian Church, Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark	Aug. 2, 2022
	* Bring a chair.

All Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.

## **CONGRATULATIONS RUSSELLVILLE INDIANS STATE CHAMPIONS 2022**







This amazing amaryllis belongs to Diane Kalaf who provided flowers for our altar at church during the month of May. Pastor David looks forward to seeing this beautiful plant every Year. Thank you Diane for this treat.



Russellville Alumni Banquet will be held this Saturday, June 4, 2022 for all Alumni who have made this school so great. See the flyer above for more information.



## **Recognition of 2022 Graduates**

On Sunday, May 22, 2022 we had our High school and College graduating seniors come forward for their final pop quiz. They were not expecting Pastor David to ask them to introduce themselves and tell a little about their future plans.

But, being newly graduate seniors, and with their parents support, they did not miss a beat and did a great job.

Congratulations, from left to right: Wyatt Prosch, Abby Bubach, Natalie Benne, Madalyn Benne.

Laney Hager was unable to attend.



Lohman Community Bldg. - 8910 Lincoln St. Dine-in or carryout - starting at 10:30 am Chicken, Pork Steak & Brat Dinners \$12.00

Patriotic Worship Service - 9 am St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - on the hill

Corner Collectables - open 9 am - 3 pm

Lohman Community Center Open House - 10:30 am - 3 pm Historical display of Millbrook, Stringtown & Lohman Old Lohman telephone switchboard will be on display

Old historic Lohman Mill tours - open 12 pm - 4 pm Jeremy Amick will be at the mill for book signing of "A Centennial Mill"

St. Paul's WELCAwill be serving on Church grounds beginning at 6 pm: Hot dogs, chips, Root beer floats, Dessert, Soda & Water

## Fireworks - 9 PM

On the grounds of St. Paul's Lutheran Church sponsored by:



Lohman Lions Club
City of Lohman
Xtreme Body & Paint
Farmers Bank of Lohman



Not responsible for accidents

## Calendar of Events and Schedules

June 1st, Wednesday: 11:30 am STARS will meet for lunch and a presentation by Jeremy Ameck.June 5th, Sunday:10:15 am Fellowship Coffee hour. Welcoming new member and baptized twins.

June 7th, Tuesday: 9:00am Music and Worship Meeting.

**June 13th,** Monday: Church Council meeting at 6:00 pm in the youth room upstairs.

June 14th, Tuesday: Food Pantry Volunteers at Trinity Lutheran in Russellville at 1:15 p.m.

June 15th, Wednesday: Mutual Ministry will meet at 5:00 pm in the church basement.

June 19th, Sunday: Father's Day

June 21st, Tuesday: Basement reserved for Lohman City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.

June 26th, Sunday: Epistle Deadline for News and Articles.

**June 26th,** Sunday: Jr. Lutherans fishing at Wasserlauf Valley.

Bulletins are normally printed on Wednesdays. Pastor David normally plans Fridays as his day off.

## **Usher Schedule**

June -05	Kathy Meller	Mitchell Plochberger
June -12	Jana Thompson	Dan Tschirgi
June -19	Delores Vlach	Frank Pascoe
June -26	Laurie Koestner	Stacy Bubach

#### **Acolyte Schedule**

June -05	Kara Freiner
June -12	Mattson Stoermer
June -19	Mackenzie Linnenbrink
June -26	Kiefer Freiner

#### **Greeters Schedule**

June -05	Devin Koestner	Jerry Koestner
June -12	David Russell	Trish Russell
June -19	Frank Pascoe	Donald Weber
June -26	Audrey Bunch	Gary Elliott

#### **Readers Schedule**

June -05	Marie Scheperle
June -12	Trish Russell
June -19	Frank Pascoe
June -26	Donna Viles

#### Song Leader

June -05	Cameron Freiner
June -12	Dan Tschirgi
June -19	Kathy Meller
June -26	

## Audio / Video Technician

June -05	Dan Tschirgi
June -12	Roger Pennell
June -19	Dan Tschirgi
June -26	Roger Pennell

#### **Organist**

June -05	Zola Finch
June -12	Zola Finch
June -19	Zola Finch
June -26	Kathy Meller

#### **Communionware for the Month**

Jim and Cynthia Loesch

## **Altar Flowers for the Month**

**Delores Vlach** 

## **Communion Assistants**

June - 12	Marie Scheperle
June - 26	Jessica Stoermer

<sup>\*</sup> Communion Days noted in Yellow