

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

SAINT LUKE CHURCH

May 13, 2012

A warm welcome to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke.



All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. *Rocking chairs, floor cushions* and *children's booster seats* may be found in that area. In the very front of the church is a row of child-sized chairs for children who want to see the action up close. Parents may sit with them or in the pew behind. *Church Activity Bags* with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers. A *closed circuit television* carrying the service and a PreSchool play area is available to parents and children in a classroom (upstairs from church lobby) when attention spans have reached their limit.

Free parking is available in the lot and parking garage immediately west of the church. Take the ticket from the garage and please see an usher for a free pass out of the garage.

Please let the ushers know if there is anything else they can do to assist your worship experience.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome into the family of God, **Shelby Lynn Wigle** baptized into the faith this morning. May Shelby Lynn grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Today

The joy of Easter continues. Our environment, still filled with flowers, fabric and fragrance, urges us to "keep the feast," to sustain our joy and wonder at God's great gift to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As a physical reminder of our continuing celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, we will **stand** for all the portions of the Service at which we would normally kneel. We do this during the Fifty Days of the Easter Season until Pentecost as a reminder that, because we have knelt in the shadow of the Cross and have been forgiven our sins by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can now stand before the throne of grace as God's dear children. After the Day of Pentecost we shall return to our normal practice of kneeling during the Service.



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PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants

<i>Mario Acuna</i>	<i>Carole Weber</i>	<i>Bernhard Neitzel</i>	<i>Joe Moll</i>
<i>Sarah Aalsma</i>	<i>Marie Templin</i>	<i>Sam Schmid</i>	<i>Wilfred Warnstedt</i>
<i>Jim Krupp</i>	<i>Gary Bartrell</i>	<i>Earledean Siivonen</i>	<i>Randall Lee</i>
<i>George Spannenberg</i>	<i>Robert Clatt</i>	<i>Joyce Rimel</i>	

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

REMEMBER THE WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Almighty God, we praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the gospel to all nations and gather together a community of faith and love. In every place may your servants call upon your name; for the kingdom, and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

<i>Nicholas Bakulinski</i>	<i>Ryan Countryman</i>	<i>Seth Clements</i>	<i>Darnell Harris</i>
<i>Gregory Schmucker</i>	<i>Jessica Sandoval</i>	<i>Karl Warnstedt</i>	<i>Christopher Williamson</i>

Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of peace, and guide the leaders of the nations with your wisdom, so that your kingdom will go forth in peace and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM

Sit Prelude:

Stand Opening Sentences

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall de-clare your praise.
 Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin - ning is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.
 Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia.

Psalmody

Song of Praise: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord

Give glory to God, our light and our life. Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.
 Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
 rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come be-fore his pres - ence
 with thanks-giv - ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
 For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.
 In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth; the heights of the hills

are al - so his. The sea is his, for he made it; and his hands have
 mold-ed the dry land. Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
 and kneel be-fore the Lord, our mak - er. For he is our God,
 and we are the peo-ple of his pas-ture and the sheep of his hand.
 Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin - ning is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.
 Give glory to God, our light and our life. Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

Sit

Psalm 98

Spoken Responsively

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
 whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
 you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of
 the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house
 of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp,
 with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
 shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
 the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
 who comes to judge the earth.**

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
 and the peoples with equity.

Stand Prayer

Hymn #854

Blessing and Honor

Sit Readings

Acts 10:44-48
 1 John 5:1-6

The readings conclude: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by
 the prophets,

But in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Stand Gospel Canticle: Blessed be the Lord

Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has
 come to his peo-ple and set them free. He has raised up for us a
 might-y Sav - ior, born of the house of his ser-vant Da - vid.
 Through his ho-ly proph - ets he prom - ised of old that he would
 save us from our en - e mies, from the hands of all who hate us.
 He prom-ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers and to re -
 mem-ber his ho-ly cov - e - nant. This was the oath he swore to our


fa-ther A-bra-ham: to set us free from the hands of our
 en-e-mies, free to wor-ship him with-out fear,
 ho-ly and righ-teous in his sight all the days of our life.
 ☐ You, my child shall be called the proph-et of the Most High,
 for you will go be-fore the Lord to pre-pare his way,
 to give his peo-ple knowl-edge of sal-va-tion by the for-give-ness
 of their sins. In the ten-der com-pas-sion of our God,
 the dawn from on high shall break up-on us,
 to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad-ow of death,
 and to guide our feet in-to the way of peace.
 ☑ Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the
 Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-nig,
 is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Prayers

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
 let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against
us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us
from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Benedicamus: Let us bless the Lord

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

- Sit* Gathering of the Gifts *Offering for Missions*
- Hymn #621 Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense
- Stand* Reading Saint John 15:9-17
- Sit* Sermon
- Hymn #826 Thine the Amen
- Gathering of the Gifts *Offering for the Congregation*
- Stand* Prayer
- Blessing
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The al-mighty and merciful Lord, A-men.
 the Father, the ☩ Son,
 and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.

Postlude

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 13, 2012 10:30 AM

GATHERING

Sit Prelude: Sonata in A Minor, Op. 1, No. 4 G.F. Handel
Larghetto – Allegro o Adagio – Allegro

Welcome

Stand Processional Hymn #854 Blessing and Honor
Please turn and face the cross as the procession enters.

Greeting

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

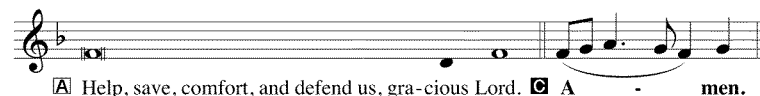
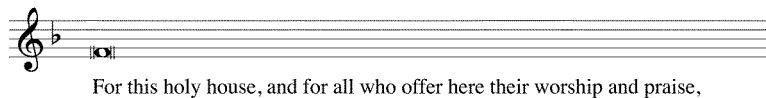
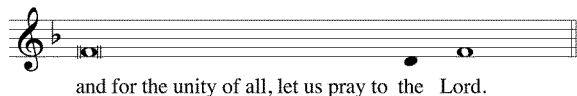
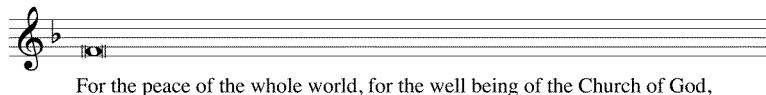
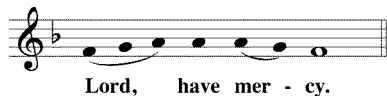
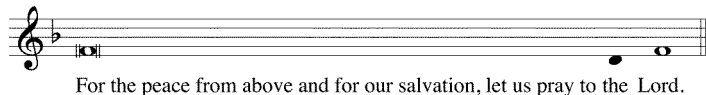
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

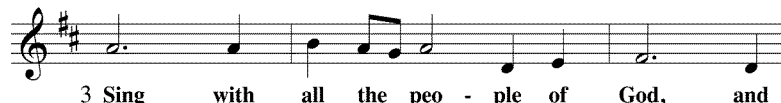
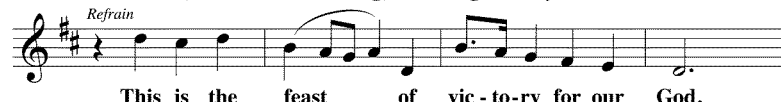
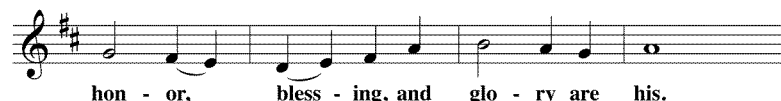
Let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Hymn of Praise



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

4 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: **Amen.**

WORD _____

Sit First Reading Acts 10:44-48
 The reading concludes:
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98
 Hymn #822

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6
 The reading concludes:
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand HOLY GOSPEL

Please turn to face the cross as the procession moves to the center of the church. The congregation sings the Gospel Acclamation.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 15th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

✠ SAINT JOHN 15:9-17 ✠

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day #621 Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense

BAPTISM _____

Please follow the order for Baptism on page 227 in the Hymnal.

Hymn #449 We Know That Christ Is Raised

Prayers of Intercession
 After each petition: Let us pray to the Lord: **Have mercy, O God.**

Sharing of the Peace
 The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
 The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

MEAL _____

Sit Gathering of the Gifts Offering for the Congregation

Rise up in early morning; sing of the risen Savior,
Sing tidings of salvation with Alleluias ringing,
In cymbalis in cymbalis bene sonantibus.

Go forth ye saints, to meet him; light up your lamps of gladness.
Sing tidings of salvation with Alleluias ringing,
In cymbalis in cymbalis bene sonantibus.

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

This joy-ful Eas-ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My Love, the Cru-ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row! Had
Christ, who once was slain not burst his three-day pris -
on, our faith had been in vain. But
now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, but now has Christ a - ris en!

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled...

The presiding minister continues to thank and praise God, remembering especially the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his promise and command to celebrate this meal.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember...
...the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...
...with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers...
...until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

☐ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against
us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us
from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Sit

Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an
usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle
and return via the side aisles.*

Lamb of God

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn #826

Thine the Amen

SENDING

Stand Table Blessing

Hymn

Christ Is Arisen

Christ has a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise
full and free; Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!
Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.
Now, with him to life re - stored, we praise the Fa - ther of our Lord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #823

Praise the Lord! O Heavens

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: Toccata

K. Kolander

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Sunday Mornings

Sunday School for children PreSchool through Grade 6 meets this morning at 9:15 a.m.

Bible Class meets this morning at 9:15 a.m. in Founders Hall

Between services and after the 10:30 a.m. service, the congregation is invited to gather for **Meet and Greet** -- coffee and fellowship -- in the main lobby of the church.

A **closed circuit television** is located in the PreSchool 4 classroom (accessible up the stairs from the church lobby). Children whose attention span has reached its limit may take a break in the classroom while their parents follow the service on TV.

Today – Sonata da Chiesa

Thank you to John Langfeld and Bette Lehenbauer for their collaboration on today's special sonata prelude and for the year of delightful music they have provided.

Next Sunday - Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension will be observed **next Sunday**, May 20, 2012. The 10:30 a.m. service of Holy Communion will include the traditional Ascension procession and balloon release.

This Week

Saint Luke's Adult Fellowship, **Martinis and Ministry**, meets tomorrow, Monday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Cooper's, 1232 West Belmont, for wide ranging conversation on a variety of topics in a relaxed environment. Contact Jennifer at cascadecomms@hotmail.com to RSVP or to be added to the email list.

Book Bugs, a parent and tot (3 and under) group meets Tuesdays in Founders Hall from 10:30 a.m.- 12 noon for literacy activities and fellowship. Enjoy story time with your children and meet other mothers in a relaxed atmosphere.

This Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 12 noon, **Seasonings** (Saint Luke's Intergenerational Fellowship) will enjoy a *Working Lunch* with the students from Saint Luke Academy's Grades 7/8. If you enjoy working with children, leave your name in the office and your lunch will be waiting.

Dragonflies, a movement/exercise group for tots (3 and under) with their parents meets Thursdays in the Gymnasium from 10:30 a.m.- 12 noon. Enter the school and "fly" all the way up to the top level for fun with motion and rhythm. All are welcome.

David Abrahamson, *Presiding Minister* Catherine Sorensen *Lector*
Ruth Hamilton, *Preaching Minister* Tom Lawson, *Server*
Dennis Grabowski, *Assisting Minister* Yvonne Aparicio, Nancy Huber,
John Langfeld, *Recorder* and Linda Planekowsky, *Presenters*
Bette Lehenbauer, *Organist and Choir Director*

Voters Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Voters Assembly next Sunday, May 20, 2012, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion.

Pentecost Celebration and Cantata

On **Sunday, May 27**, the Day of Pentecost, Saint Luke celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let your voice help fill the sanctuary like the sound of the mighty wind and become part of the festival environment by wearing your **red** shirt, sweater, dress or coat.

On this day we also celebrate inspiration through music as the Saint Luke Bach Choir presents **Bach's Cantata**, "*Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott*" at the 10:30 a.m. service of Holy Communion. Mark your calendars for this special celebration and join us for the last of the three great festivals of the church.

Memorial Day Observance

Commemorate **Memorial Day** at **Saint Luke Cemetery**, 5300 N Pulaski Road next **Sunday**, May 27 at 1:30 p.m. with a short service of remembrance and a picnic.

Worship/Server Participants

Anyone interested in assisting in Sunday morning worship services as a **reader**, as a **presenter** in the offertory procession or as a **server** during the communion should leave his/her name in the church office or speak to Ruth Walp.

Saint Luke Academy

Now is the time to apply for **admission to Saint Luke Academy** for next Fall. If you are interested or know of students who could benefit from our quality program of faith-based education, please contact the school office (773-472-3837) for further information.

Caring and Sharing

During the month of May we are collecting **pasta** – spaghetti, macaroni, farfalle, lingini. These items will be distributed to families through the Lincoln-Belmont Pantry. Please leave your donation in the monthly collection barrel in the church lobby.

Share the News

For additional news and information updated during the week, go to Saint Luke's website www.stlukechicago.org and click on "**News Feed**." You do not need to have a Facebook account. If you do, however, please click "Like." "Like" pictures or posts and your friends can see them, too!



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David G. Abrahamson, Pastor

May 2012

Attention All Thrivent Members

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has changed the system through which it distributes its fraternal dollars. Through the Thrivent Choice Program you have the power to direct significant sums of money to nonprofit organizations, including Saint Luke Church. If you do not choose to have your portion given to Saint Luke, Thrivent will give it to other organizations of its own choosing.

Put Your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Work for Saint Luke with 6 easy steps:

1. Visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice
2. Log In with your user ID and password or click "register now" to register for full access.
3. Look for your designated Choice Dollars amount on the right side of the screen.
4. Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" in the Thrivent Choice box on your MyThrivent page.
5. Then Select: **Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint Luke**
6. Click on "Direct Choice Dollars Now" to direct your designated Choice Dollars to benefit Saint Luke.

To make it even easier, you can choose to make a recurring direction to have your Choice Dollars continue to support Saint Luke Church every time Thrivent makes a disbursement.

THIS WEEK

at Saint Luke Church

SUNDAY, May 13, 2012

Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m. *Church*
Bible Class 9:15 a.m. *Founders Hall*
Sunday School 9:15 a.m. *PreSchool 4 room*
Sonata da Chiesa 10:20 a.m. *Church*
Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. *Church*

MONDAY, May 14, 2012

Extended Care 7:00-8:00 a.m., 3:30-6:00 p.m. *PreSchool 4 room*
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Faculty Meeting 4:15 p.m. *Library*
Martinis and Ministry 7:00 p.m. *Cooper's. 1232 W Belmont Ave*

TUESDAY, May 15, 2012

Extended Care 7:00-8:00 a.m., 3:30-6:00 p.m. *PreSchool 4 room*
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Book Bugs 10:30 a.m. *Founders Hall*
Renaissance Saint Luke Dinner 6:00 p.m. *Renaissance Saint Luke*

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 2012

Extended Care 7:00-8:00 a.m., 3:30-6:00 p.m. *PreSchool 4 room*
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Kindergarten Service 9:00 a.m. *Memorial Hall*
Seasonings 12:00 p.m. *Founders Hall*

THURSDAY, May 17, 2012

Extended Care 7:00-8:00 a.m., 3:30-6:00 p.m. *PreSchool 4 room*
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Ascension of our Lord Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. *Church*
Dragonflies 10:30 a.m. *Gym*
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. *Choir Room*

FRIDAY, May 18, 2012

Extended Care 7:00-8:00 a.m., 3:30-6:00 p.m. *PreSchool 4 room*
School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Walther League Picnic 3:45 p.m. *Courtyard*
Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. *Church*

SATURDAY, May 19, 2012

Wedding 4:00 p.m. *Church*

SUNDAY, May 20, 2012

Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. *Church*
Bible Class 9:15 a.m. *Founders Hall*
Sunday School 9:15 a.m. *PreSchool 4 room*
Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. *Church*
Voters Meeting 12:00 p.m. *Memorial Hall*